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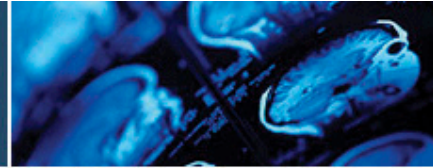
# Office of Translational Research: An Overview

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# Outline

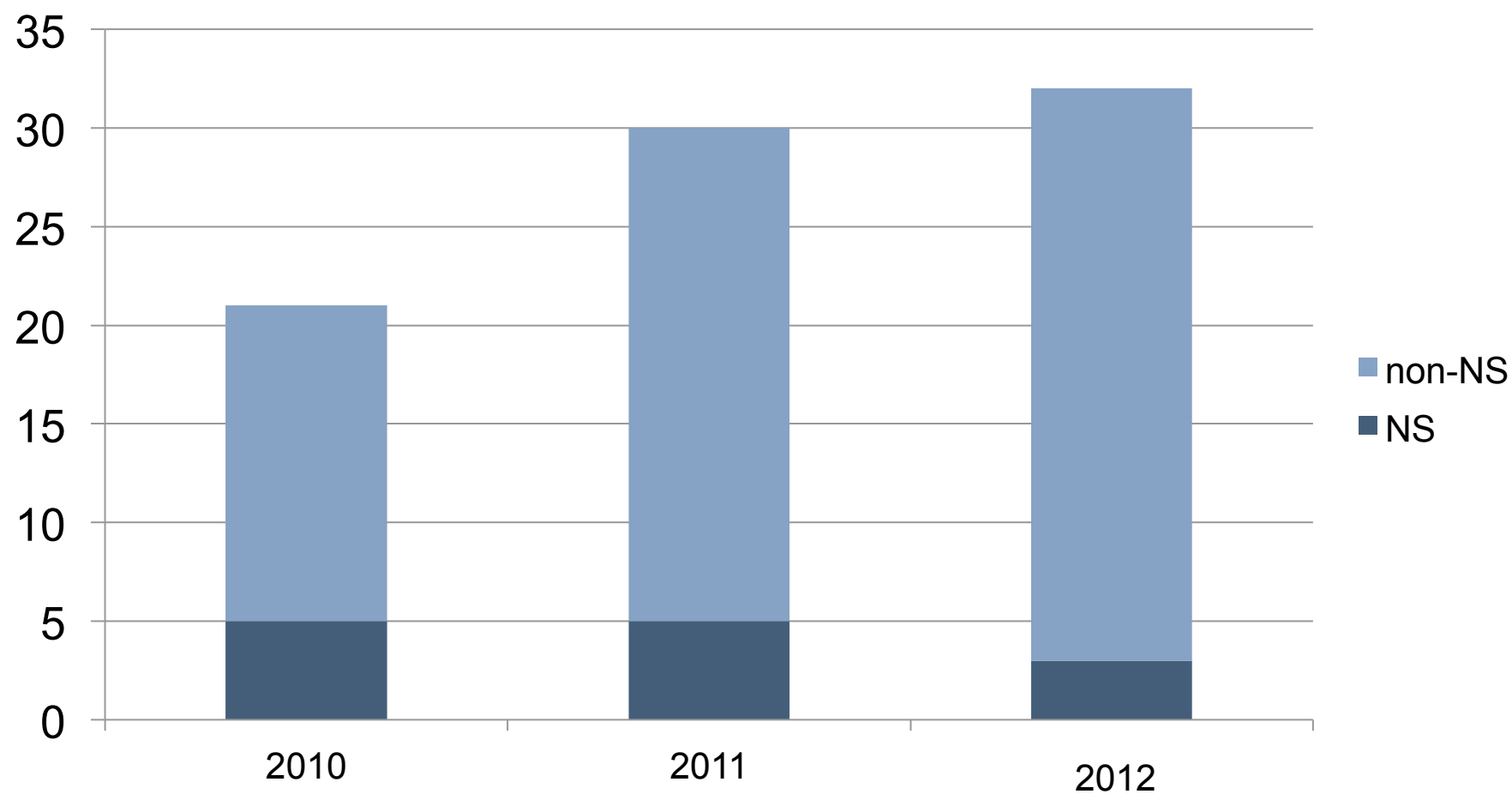
- The Changing Landscape of Neuroscience Therapeutic Development
- NINDS Office of Translational Research (OTR)
  - Anticonvulsant Screening Program (ASP)
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  - SMA Project
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  - Small Business Program (SBIR)
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## FDA Drug Approvals

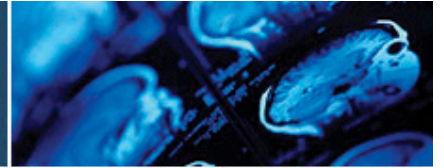






## Neurotherapeutics FDA Approvals

Brand Names	Drug Name	Company	Indication
<b>2010</b>			
Ampyra	dalfampredine	Acorda Therapeutics	MS
Pradaxa	dabigatran etexilate	Boehringer Ingelheim	stroke
Gilenya	fingolimod	Novartis	MS
Botox	onabotulinumtoxinA	Allergan Inc	dystonia, migraine (2 approvals)
<b>2011</b>			
Potiga	ezogabine	Valeant Pharmaceuticals	seizure
Onfi	clobazam	Lundbeck	seizure
Horizant	gabapentin enacarbil	GlaxoSmithKline, XenoPort	restless leg syndrome
DaTSCAN	loflupane I-123	GE Healthcare	PD imaging agent (SPECT)
Gadavist	gadobtrol	Bayer HealthCare	AD imaging agent (MRI)
<b>2012</b>			
Aubagio	teriflunomide	Sanofi Aventis	MS
Amyvid	Florbetapir F 18	Avid Radiopharmaceuticals	AD imaging agent (PET)
Afinitor Disperz	everolimus (new formulation of existing drug)	Novartis	subependymal giant cell astrocytoma (a brain tumor)



## Industry is leaving NS R&D

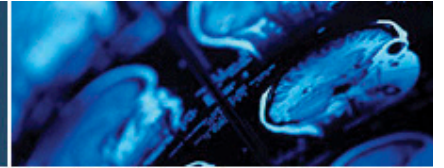
### R&D Cuts Curb Brain-Drug Pipeline

*Development of new medicines for brain disorders could be threatened as major drug makers scale back research* **THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.** March 27, 2011

## Novartis to shut brain research facility

Nature, December 2011

“It follows similar moves by GlaxoSmithKline and AstraZeneca.”

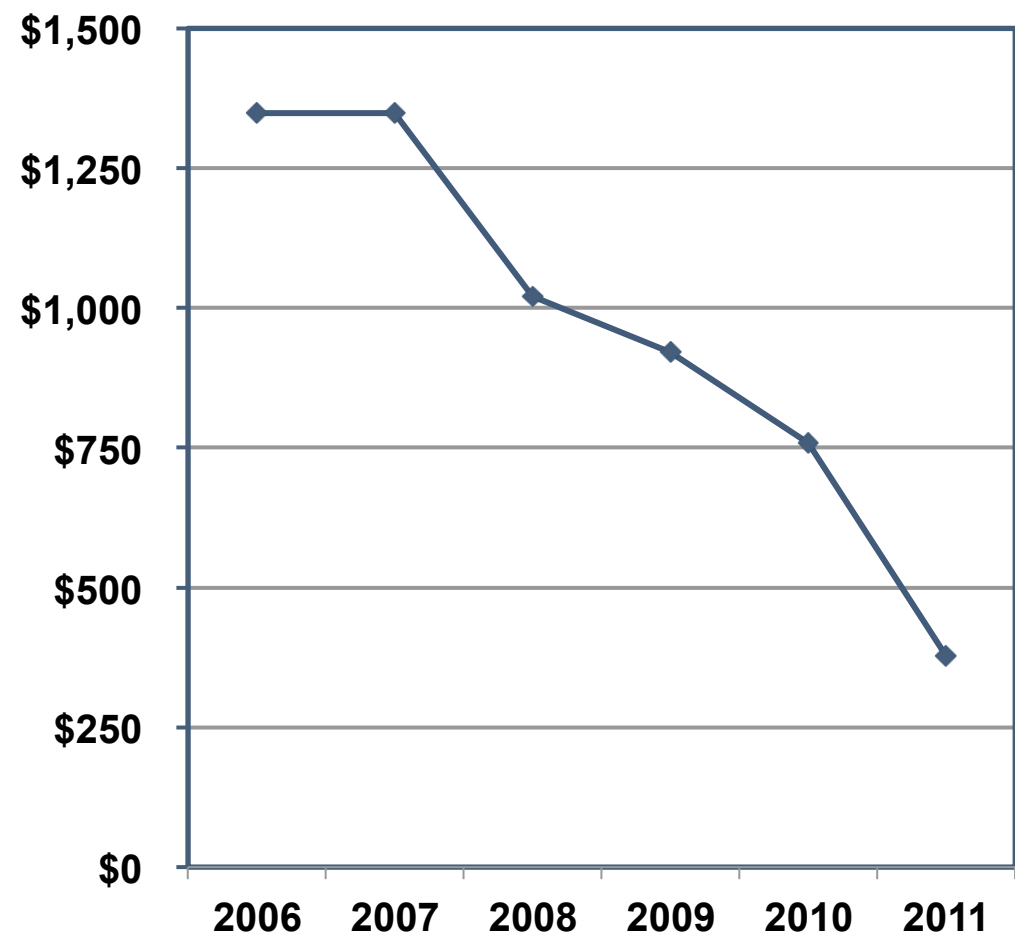


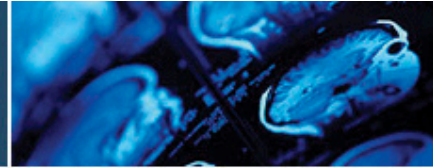
# Venture Capital (VC) Funding for Neurotherapeutics is Declining

**\$380M in 2011, most of which is going to:**

- Clinical stage drugs spun out of pharmas
- Re-purposing of generic drugs

**Overall, there is less funding for discovery stage CNS diseases**

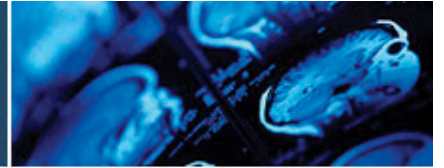




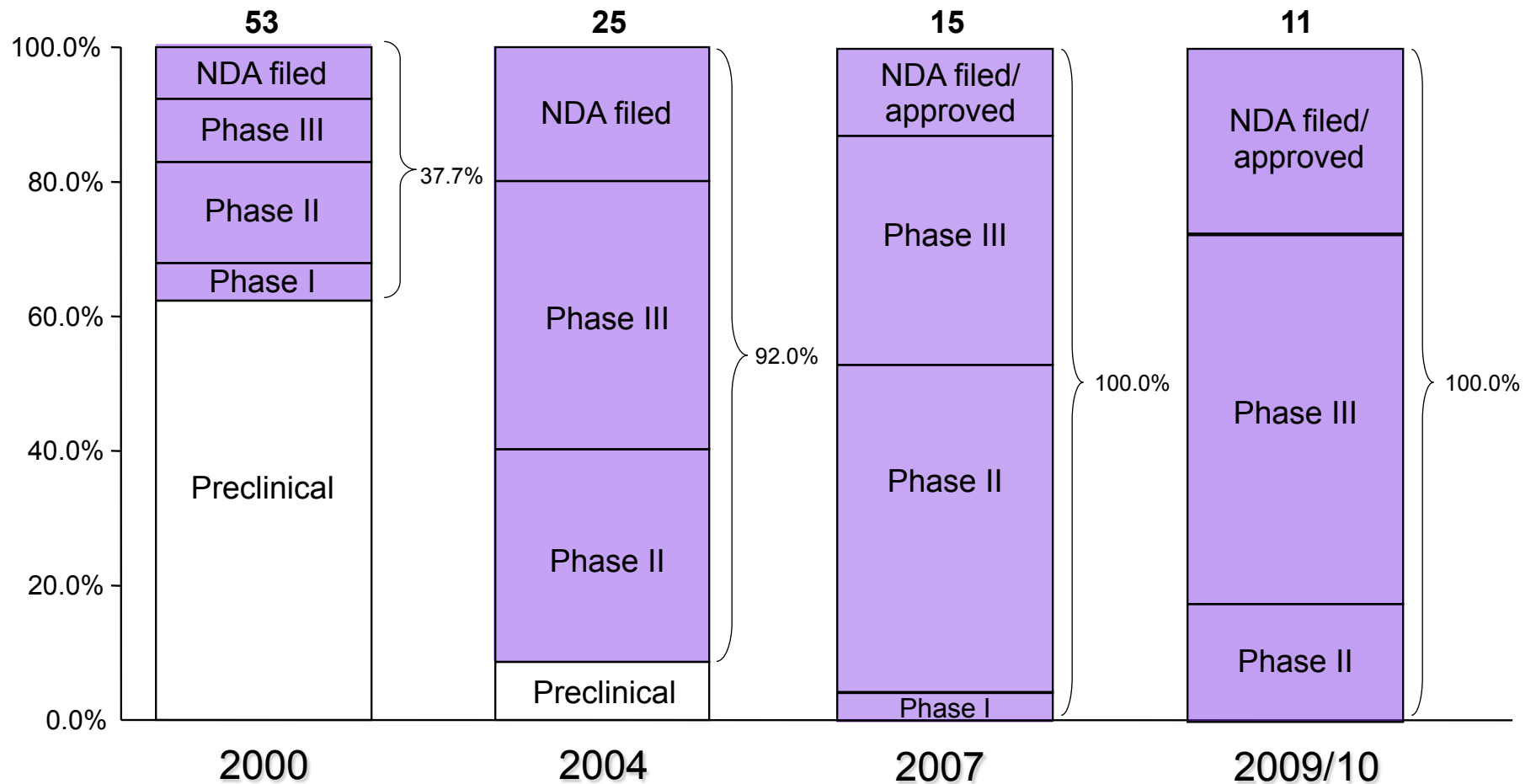
## U.S. Biotech VC funding is stable but the focus is on later stage

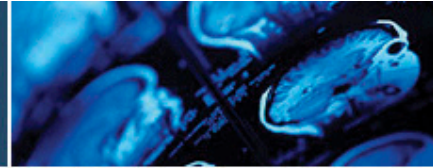


Appetite for risk is decreasing

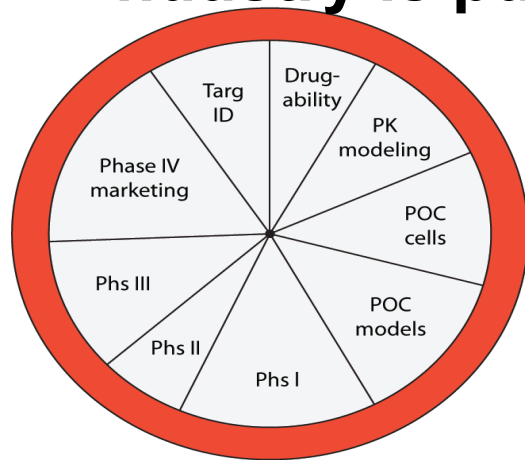


# Biotech IPOs as Indicator of Industry Trends

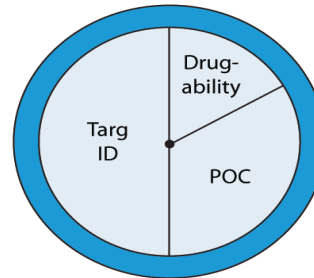




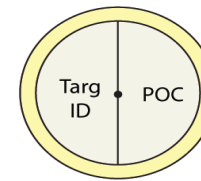
# Industry is pursuing new models – eliminate silos



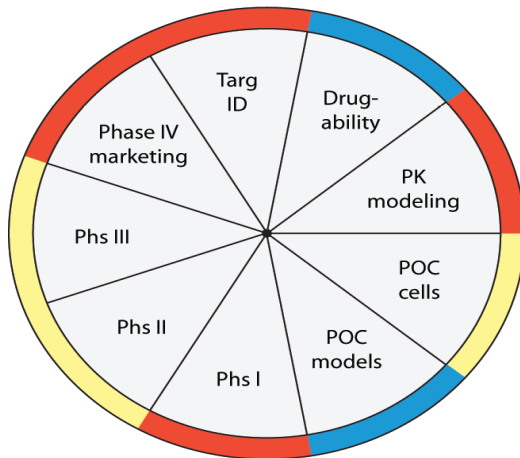
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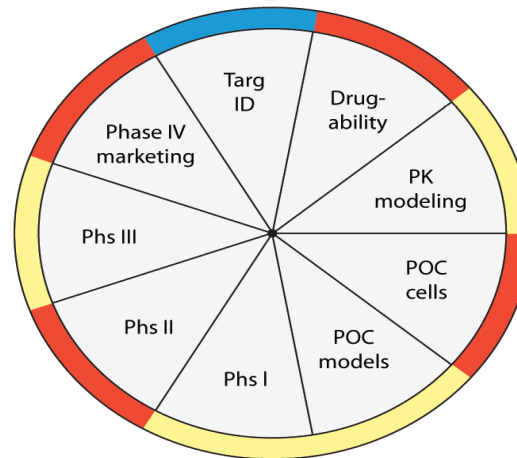
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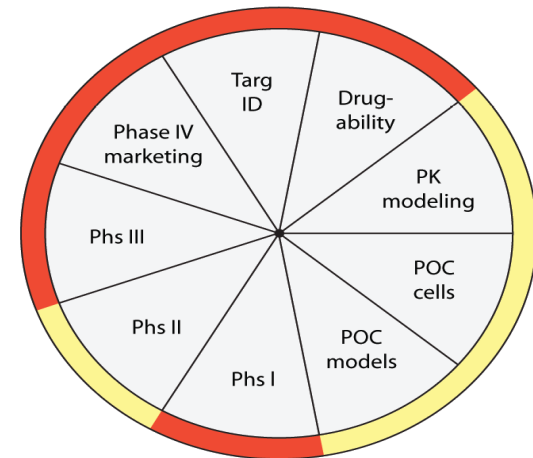
Academia



Project 1



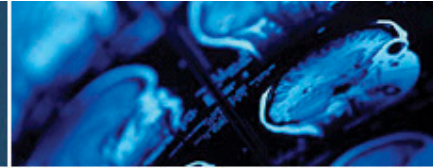
Project 2



Project 3

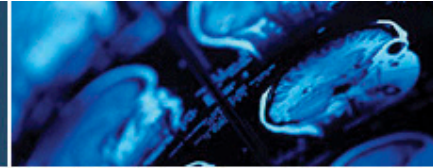


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# **What should NINDS's role be in this changing climate?**





# Office of Translational Research (OTR)

**Mission:** To facilitate the preclinical discovery and development of new therapeutic interventions for neurological disorders

Bench



Preclinical

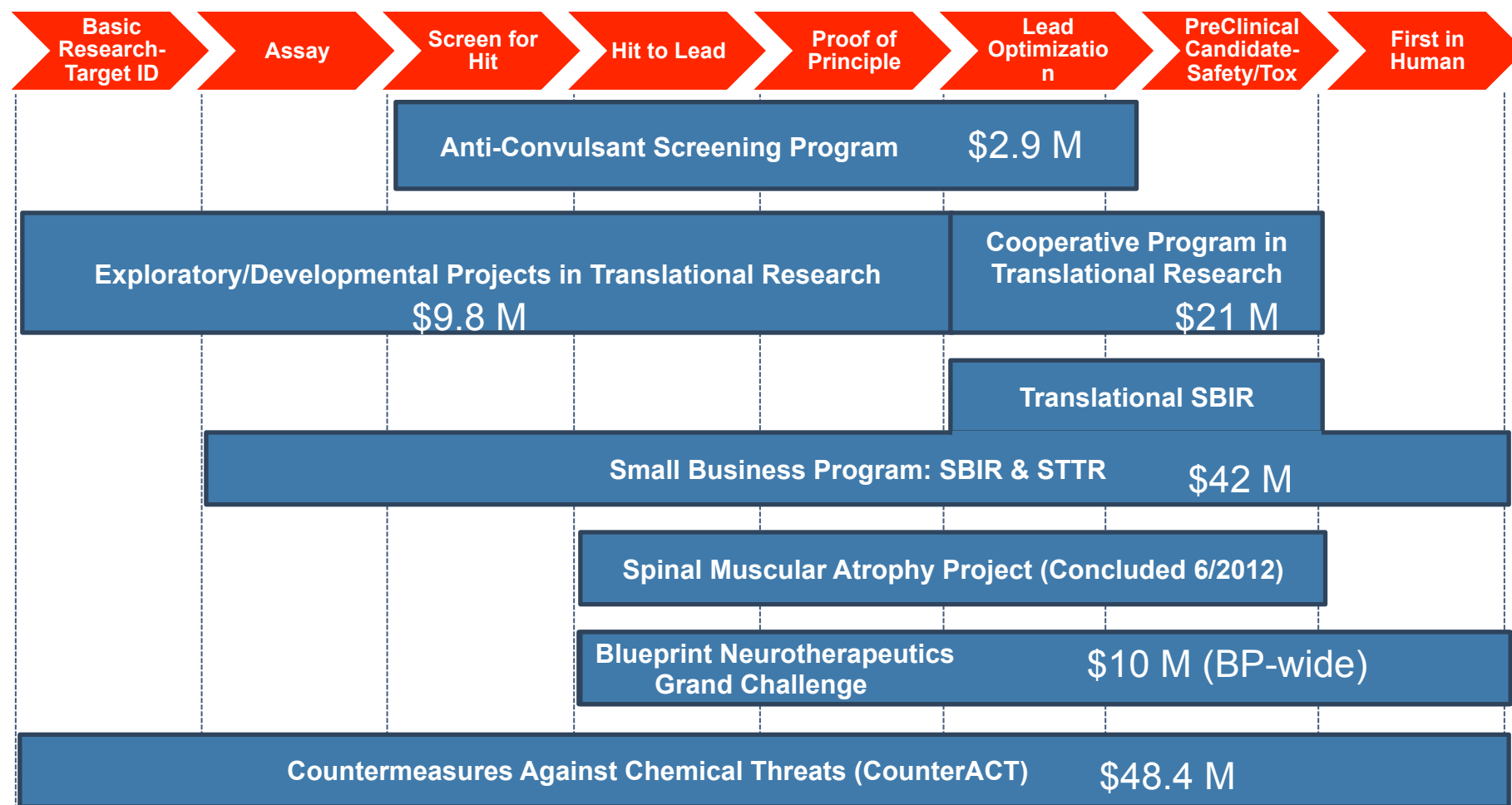


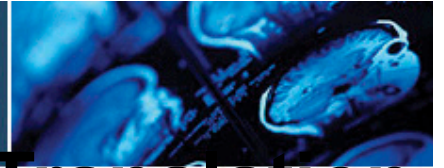
Patients



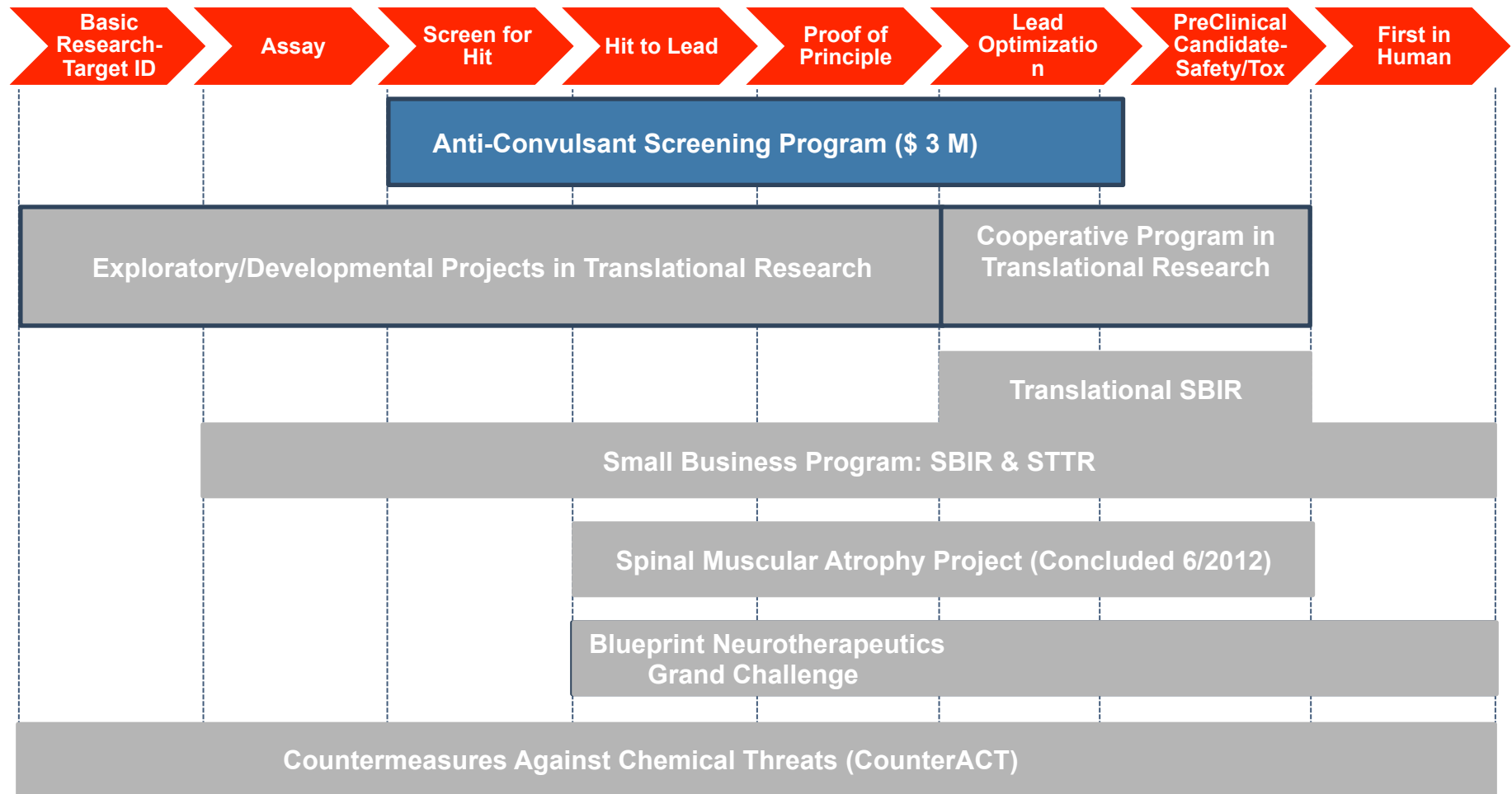


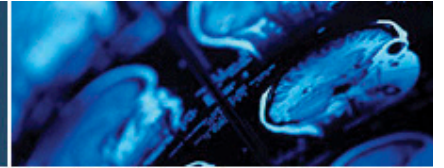
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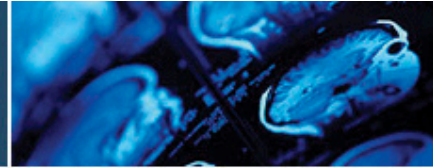
# NINDS Anticonvulsant Screening Program (ASP)

**Approach:** Provide services and expertise to investigators developing anticonvulsants

- Established in 1975 (Dr. Steve White: PI, Univ. of Utah)
- Screening performed via a contract mechanism using a battery of seizure models
- Second track added in 2007 for chemical nerve age countermeasures
- NINDS staff report results to participants, advise on future development
- Supplier retains IP
- Role in 10 marketed drugs since 1990

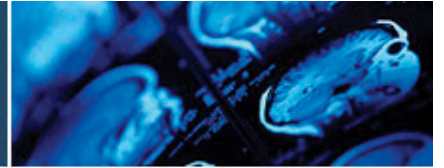


John Kehne



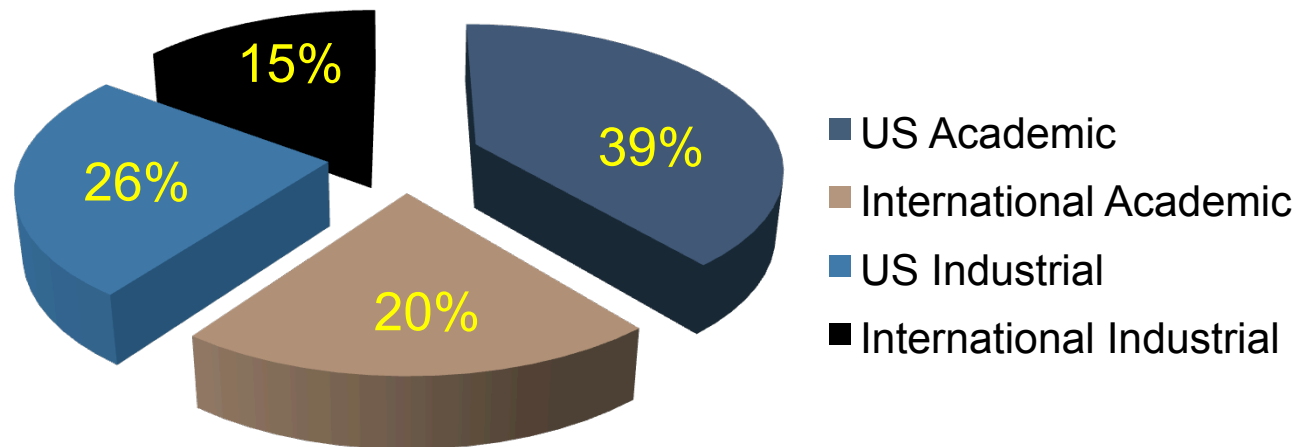
## Marketed Drugs 1990 to Present

<u>Drug</u>	<u>ASP Contribution</u>	<u>Year Approved</u>
• Felbamate	Major	1993
• Gabapentin	Minor	1993
• Lamotrigine	Minor	1994
• Topiramate	Major	1996
• Levetiracetam	Minor	1999
• Oxcarbazepine	Early	2000
• Lacosamide (Vimpat)	Major	2008
• Rufinamide (Banzel)	Early	2008
• Vigabatrin	Minor	2009
• Ezogabine (Potiga)	Minor	2011



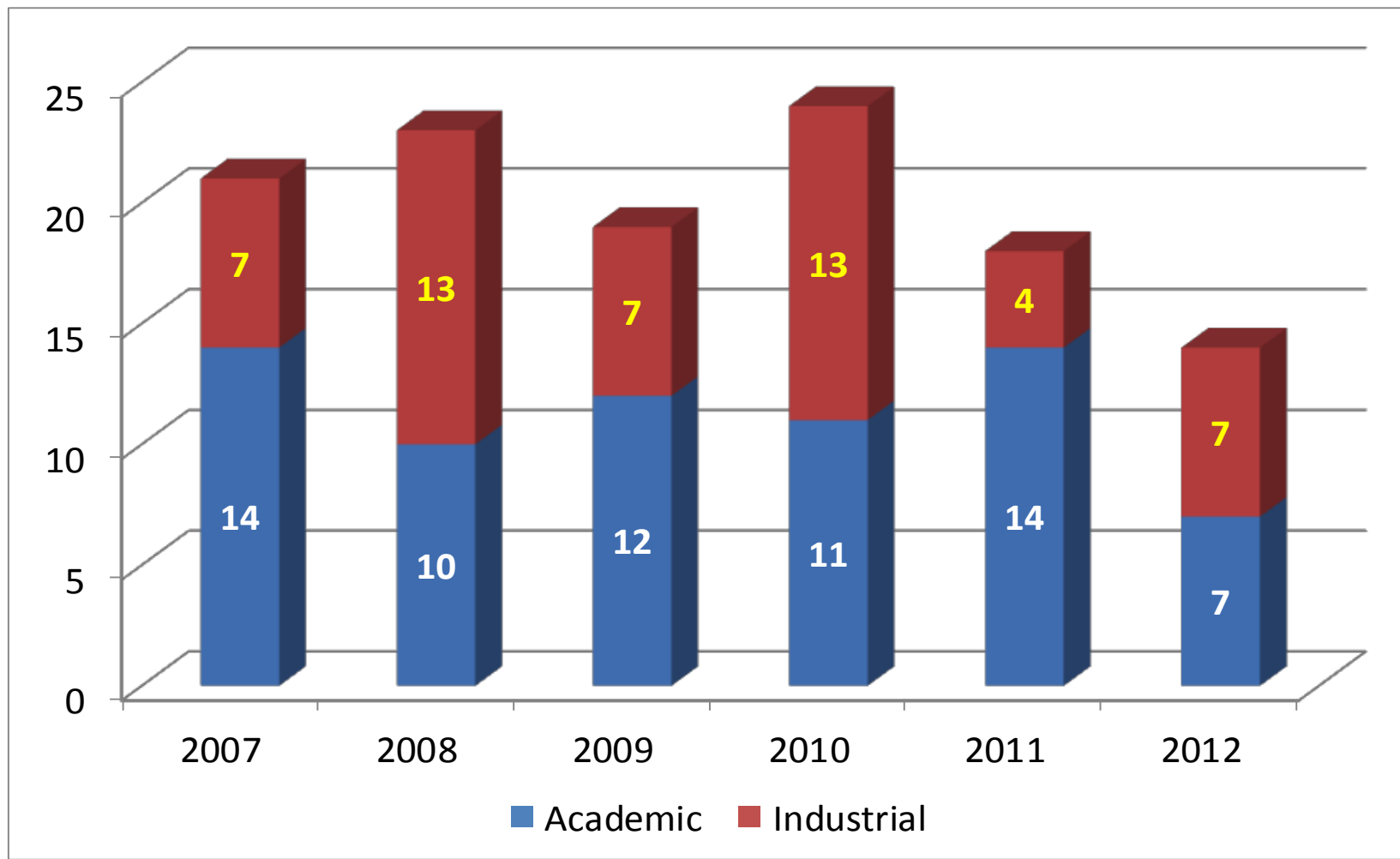
## ASP Participants

- 547 Total Projects
- 318 Academic Participants
- 226 Industrial Participants
- 3 Government Participants
- 37 Countries



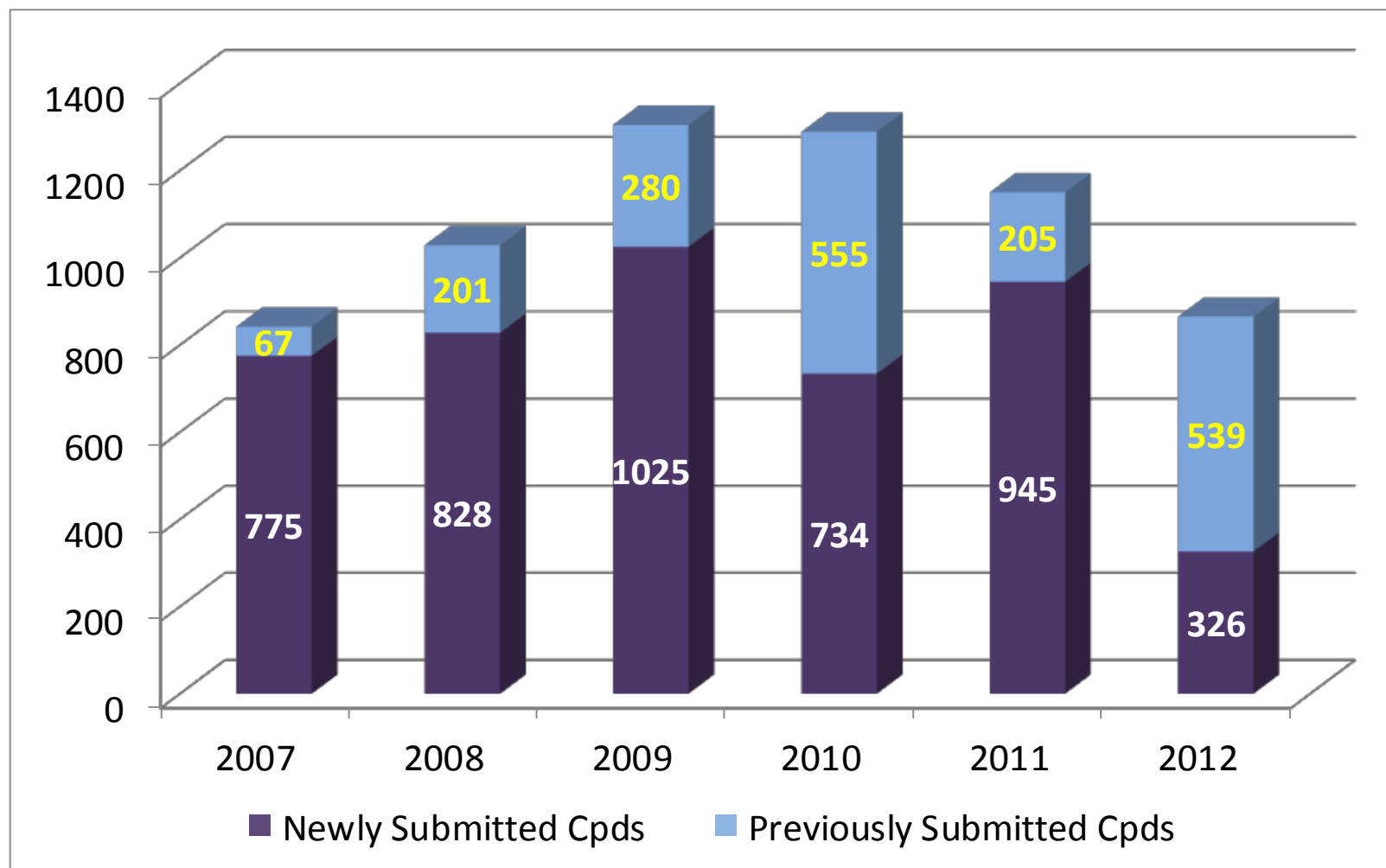


## New ASP Participants per Year



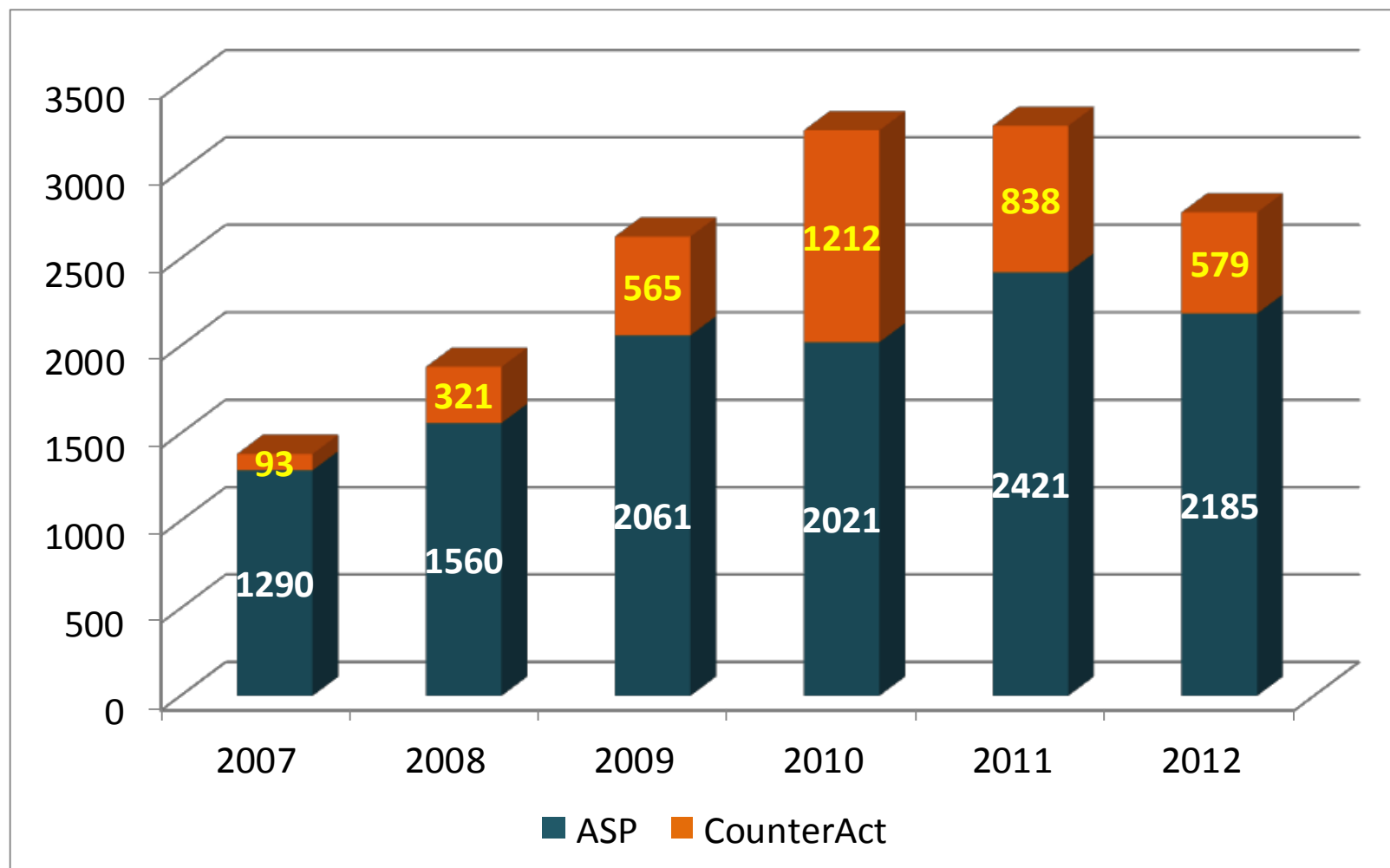


## Compounds Tested by ASP

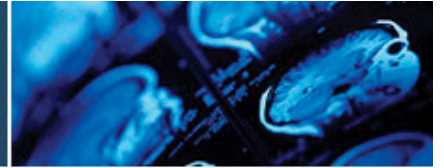




## Tests Conducted by ASP







## ASP Working Group

- Considered ASP's value to epilepsy research and drug development within the current scientific and pharmaceutical landscape
- Made recommendations for future of the program (focus, strategies, and configuration)
- Presented final report on February 16, 2012

**Robert E. Pacifici, PhD, *Chair***  
CHDI Management/CHDI Foundation

**Susan Axelrod**  
Citizens United for Research in  
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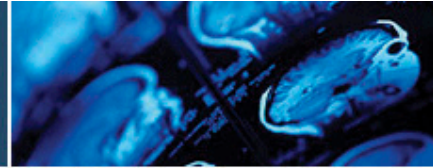
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## ASP Working Group Report

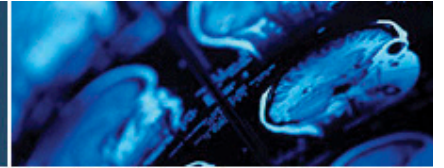
ASP has facilitated the development new AEDs

However, challenges remain:

- Treatment-resistant epilepsy
- No treatments modify disease course or prevent its development
- Poor side-effect profiles

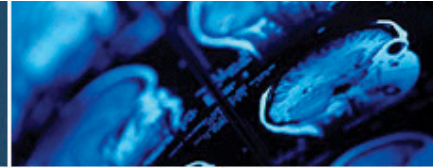
Therefore, the ASP should

- address the most critical unmet needs
- adapt to new landscape



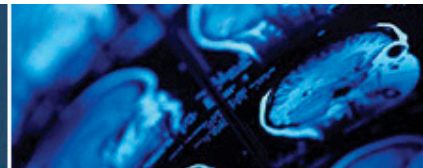
# Progress on Selected ASP Working Group Recommendations

- Revise focus
- Reshape, integrate
- Refine operating procedures
- Select or develop new models



## **ASP Working Group Implementation Progress**

- Revised requirements for entry
- Developed quality control measures for compound purity and identity
- Improved communication with University of Utah ASP scientists
- Integrated ASP into NINDS epilepsy research program
- Initiated ASP leadership recruitment
- Improved coordination between ASP and CounterACT



## Recent ASP Success Story

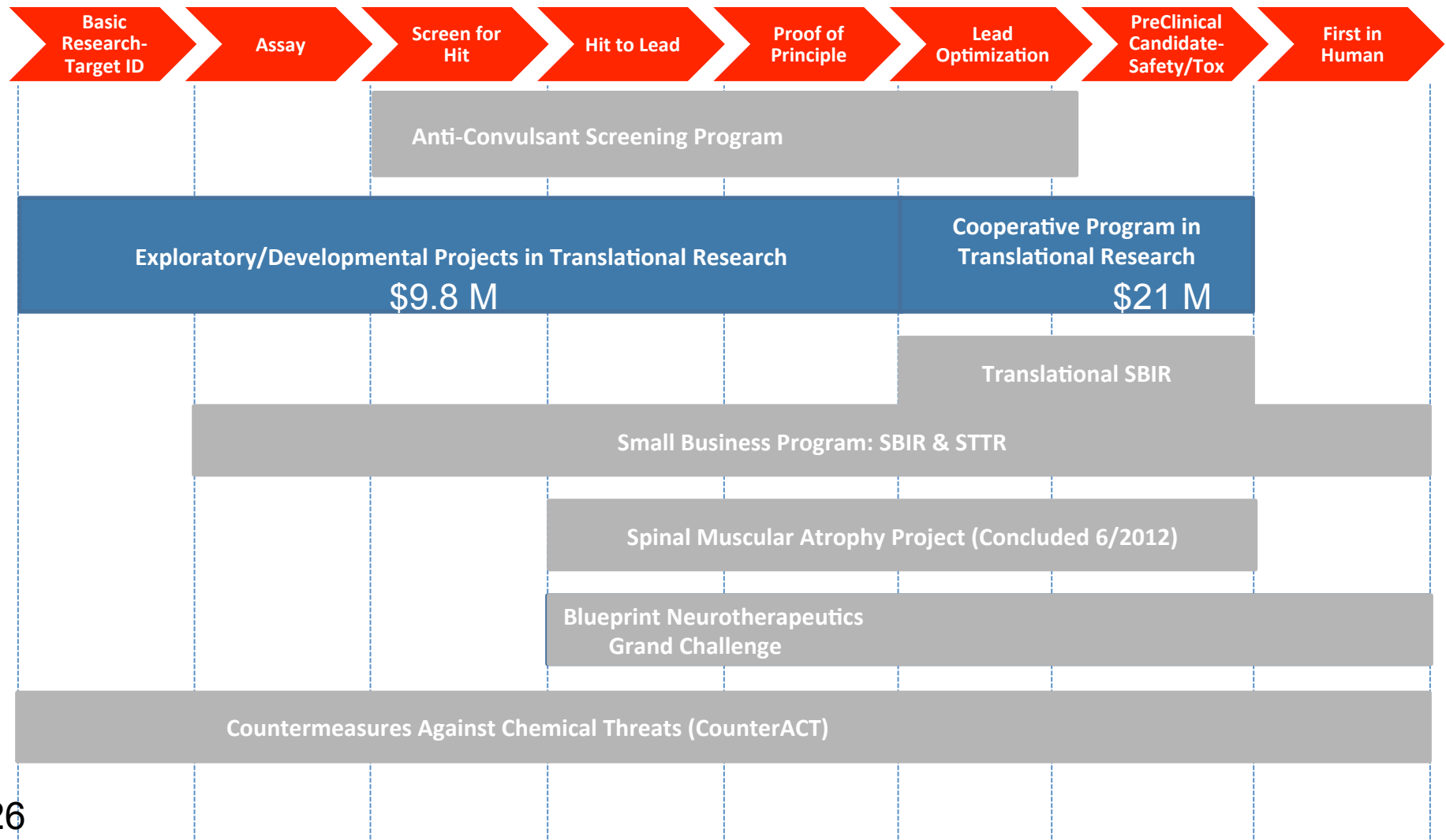
- Vigabatrin (Sabril), a GABA aminotransferase (GABA-AT) inhibitor, approved for infantile spasms (IS) and refractory complex partial seizures (2009)
- CPP-115 (Catalyst Pharmaceutical), a more potent inhibitor of GABA-AT, performs better in models of treatment-resistant epilepsy (2009)

Compound	6Hz model*		Corneal kindled mouse Model*
	32 mA	44 mA	
Vigabatrin	23 mg/kg	154 mg/kg	80 mg/kg
CPP-115	5.2 mg/kg	28 mg/kg	20 mg/kg

\* ED50 values

- CPP-115 started Phase I trial in late 2011, potentially provides a better treatment for IS and refractory epilepsy

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# NINDS Exploratory Projects and Cooperative Program in Translational Research



Christina Vert, MS  
Program Analyst

Linda McGavern, PhD  
Program Manager



# Cooperative Program Purpose and Goals

- Program launched in 2002 and includes drugs, biologics, and devices
- Purpose: To stimulate preclinical development of therapeutics in non-profit and small business sectors
- Features: Special review, milestone-based decisions



# Translational Program Overview

Mechanisms	tR21	U01	U44
Description	Support projects through IND/IDE submission Support prior to or in parallel with U01	Support projects through IND/IDE submission	Support SBIR projects in various phases
Budget	\$500,000 over 2 years	\$1 million per year direct costs, up to 5 years	Up to \$7 million total costs, over 5 years
Risk	High	Milestone driven to mitigate risk	Milestone driven to mitigate risk
<b>(Active FY12) Total Awarded</b>	<b>(58) 180</b>	<b>(31) 48</b>	<b>(14) 16</b>
FY12 Dollars	\$9.8 M	\$26 M	\$ 9.7 M

# The tR21 Program is for Exploratory Translational Science

- Originally intended as an entry for the U01 program
- Examples of exploratory activities:
  - Development of screening assays and models
  - SAR and pre-clinical work
  - Development of animal models for testing therapeutic target engagement
  - Development of biomarkers
- Not for:
  - Basic research animal models
  - Diagnostics
  - Tool compounds

# The U01 Program is for Translational Science

- Investigators work with NIH staff to develop goals and milestones
- Activities include:
  - Preclinical efficacy testing
  - Predictive ADME (*absorption, distribution, metabolism, and excretion*)
  - Toxicology testing
  - IND/IDE submission
  - Phase 0 clinical trials

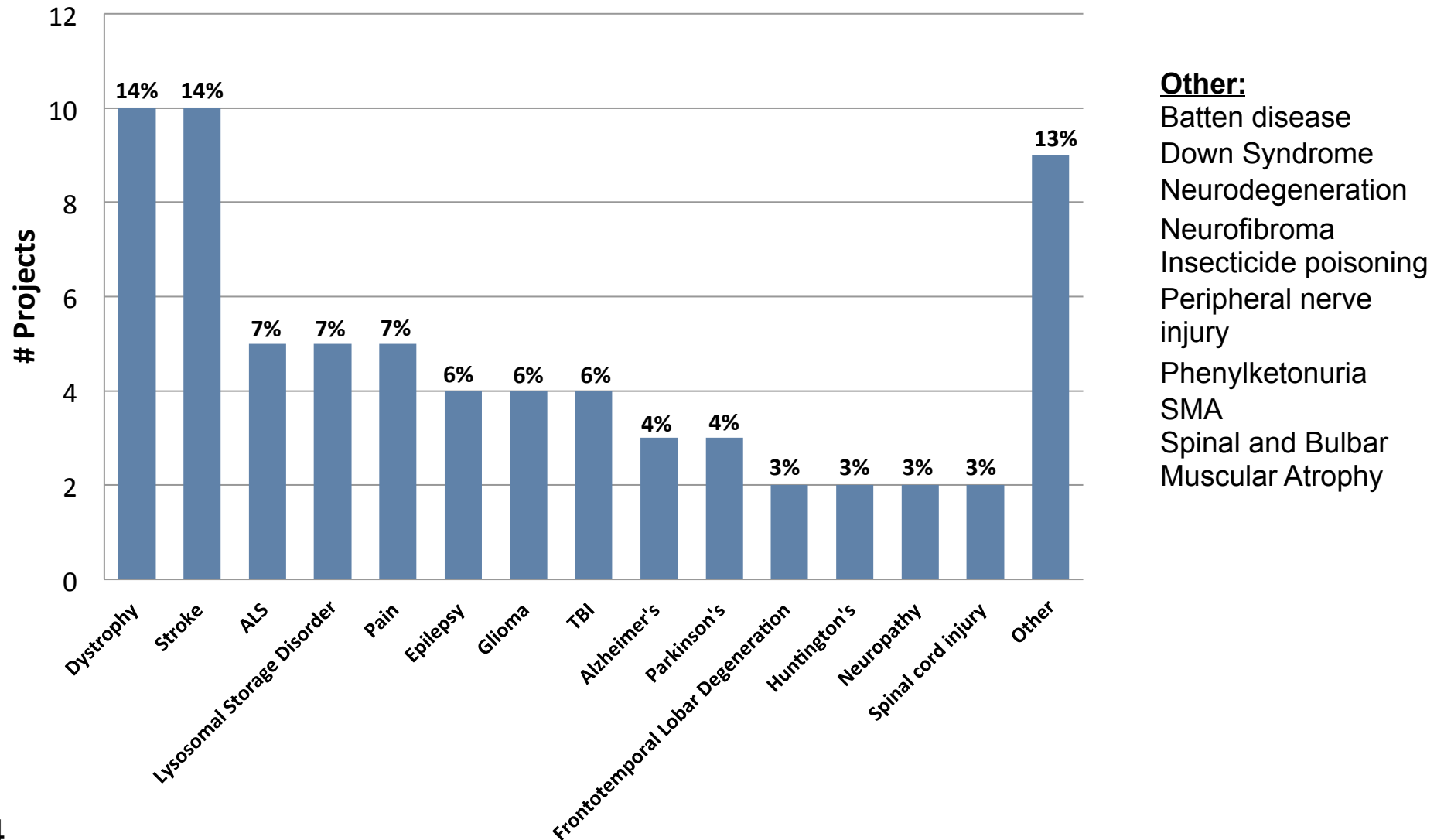
## U01 Entry Criteria

- Projects must identify a therapeutic lead and should provide *in vivo* proof-of-concept efficacy data
- Projects lacking efficacy models must have *in vivo* models that include measurement of a pharmacodynamic biomarker for the intended therapeutic using clinical route of administration
- Device projects must have a clinically meaningful outcome based on clinician and patient input

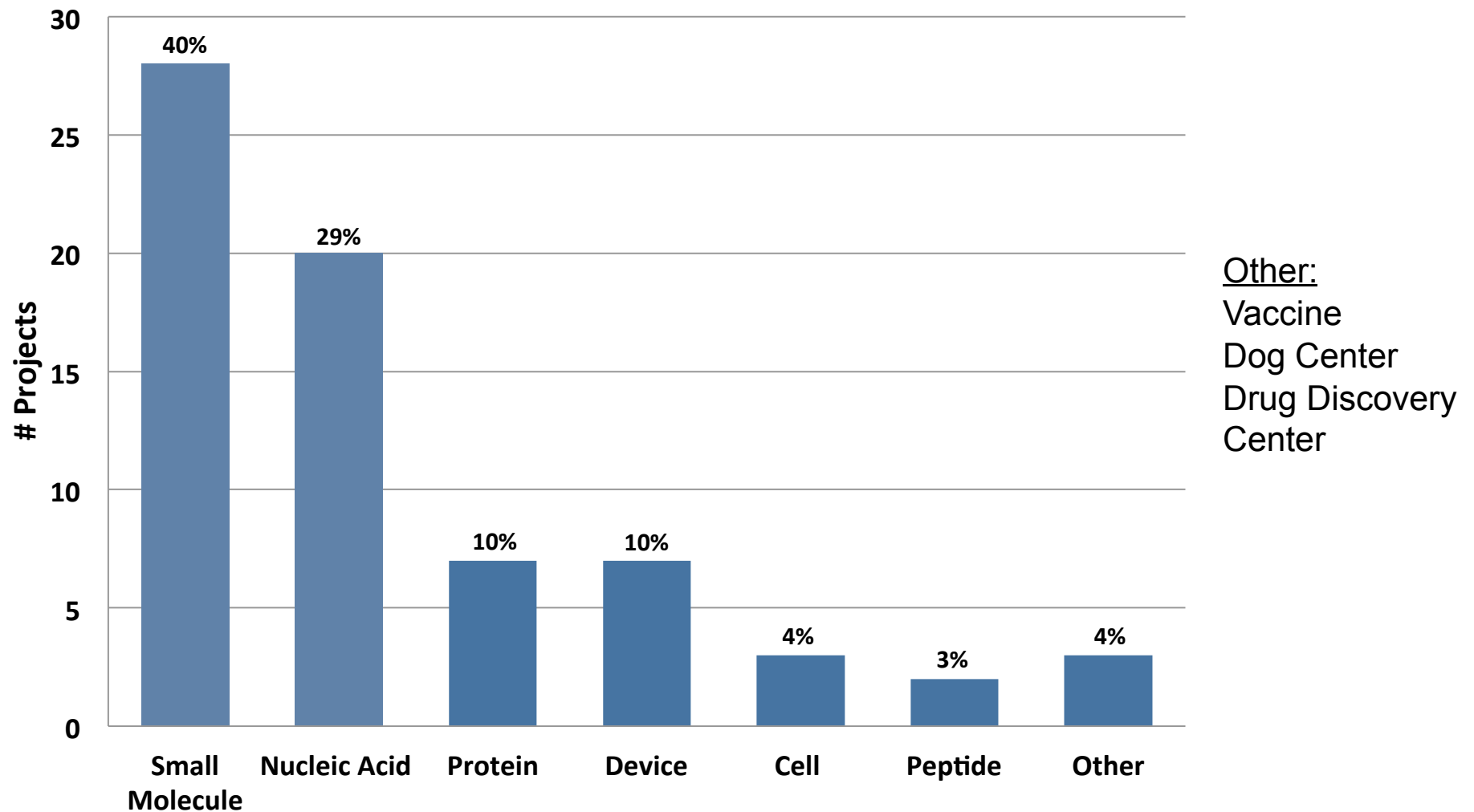
# Additional Review Considerations

- Rigor
- Overall plan for therapy development
- Intellectual property

## Portfolio (n=70) by Indication (2002-2012)



## Portfolio (n=70) by Interventional Modality (2002-2012)



## Projects are Reaching Definitive Endpoints

- 16 achieved intended goal:
  - 9 U01s, 2 U44s, 4 U54s, 1 U24 (6 have filed 1+ INDs)
- 11 discontinued (since 2008)
  - 8 U01s, 2 U44s, 1 U24
  - Reasons:
    - Didn't pursue studies proposed in application or milestones (1)
    - Didn't meet milestones for efficacy criteria (6) or other advancement criteria (3)
    - Achieved IND ahead of schedule (1)



# Translational Projects Reaching IND and Beyond

Principal Investigator	Institution	Disorder	Therapeutic Approach	Project End Date	Clinical Trial
Ralph Snodgrass	Vistagen Therapeutics, Inc.	Epilepsy / Neuropathic Pain	Drug	2008	Phase I
Howard Federoff	Georgetown University Medical Center	Parkinson's	Nucleic Acid Therapy	2009	Phase I
Xiao Xiao	University of North Carolina	Duchene Muscular Dystrophy	Nucleic Acid Therapy	2009	Phase I
Cesario Borlongan	University of South Florida	Stroke	Cell Therapy	2009	Phase II
Ronald Crystal	Weill Medical College – Cornell University	Batten Disease	Nucleic Acid Therapy	2010	Phase I/II
Guohua Xi	University of Michigan	Stroke	Drug	2012	Phase II

## Case Study #1

### Mitochondrial inhibitor to treat acute spinal cord injury (SCI)

- Demonstrate recovery in a severe SCI model in either gender
- PK to determine treatment regimen
- Improve mitochondrial function in animals
- Demonstrate motor and sensory recovery
- pre-IND meeting
- Submit IND

Year 01

\$\$ awarded

Year 02

4 month NCE to address  
differences in injury severity  
And ultimately discontinued

*Efficacy criteria  
not fully met in  
either gender*

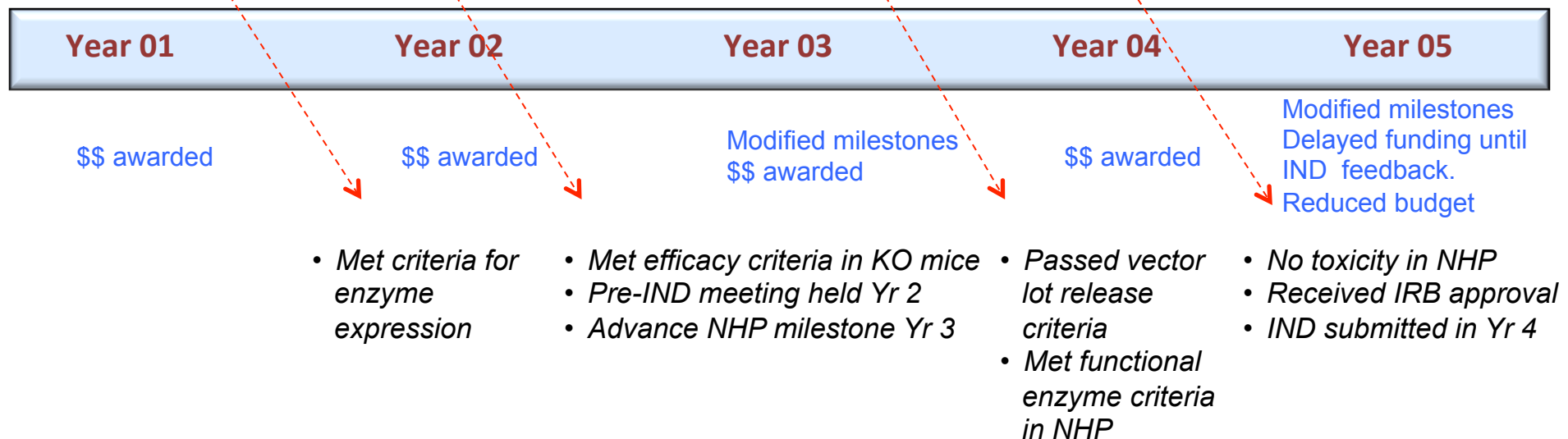
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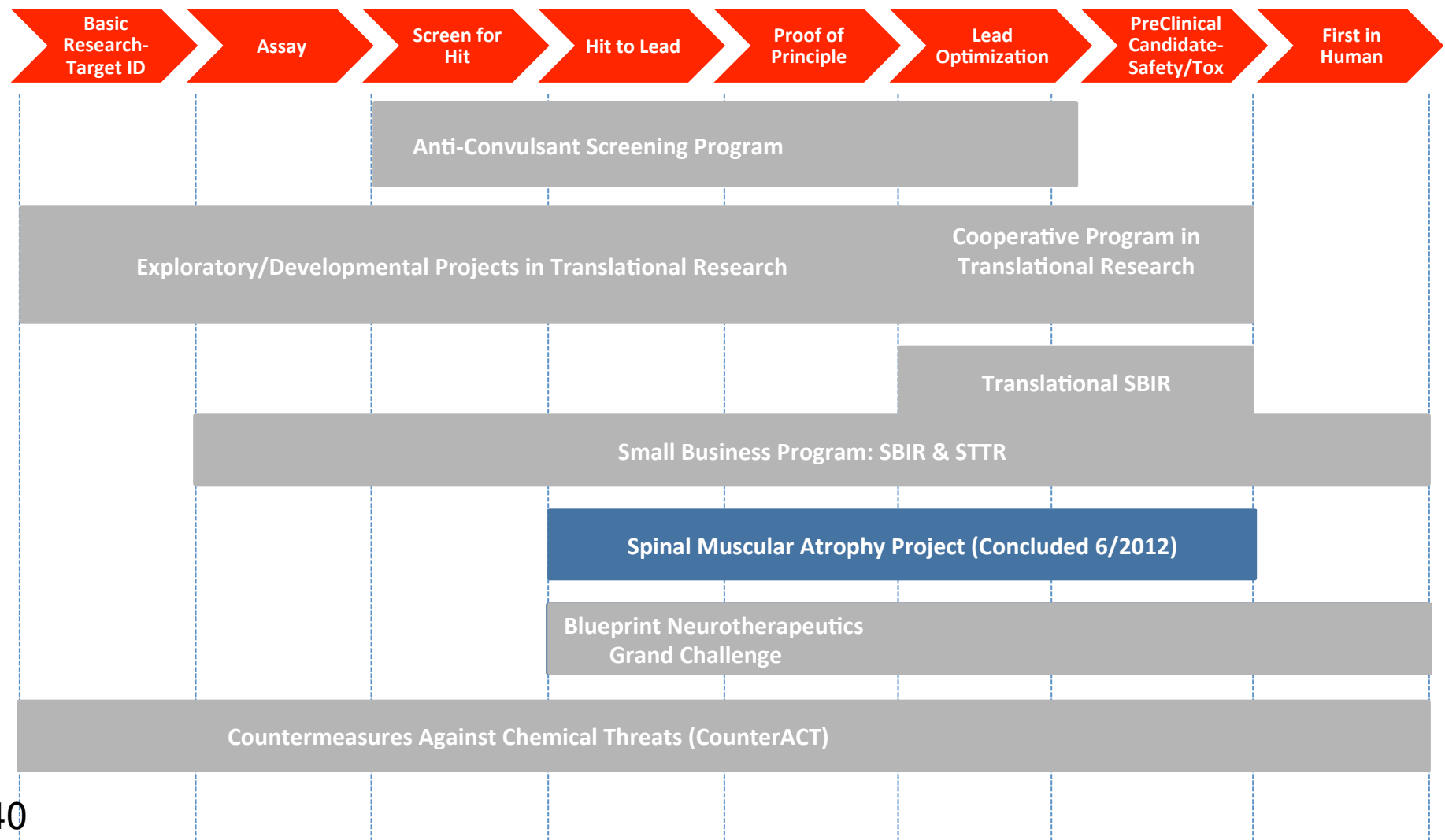
## Case Study #2

### Gene therapy to treat Batten Disease / late infantile neuronal ceroid lipofuscinosis (LINCL)

- Assess anti-vector immunity
- Demonstrate efficacy in LINCL KO mice
- Increase functional enzyme levels in NHP
- pre-IND meeting
- Manufacture vector
- biodistribution study and IND-enabling toxicity studies in rat and NHP
- IRB, RAC submissions
- Submit IND



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# The Spinal Muscular Atrophy Project

- SMA: Approx. 10,000 US patients, with variable severity
- Project spent \$32 Million via a contracted network of CROs and researchers (2003-2012)
- Considered small molecules, biologics, gene therapy and stem cell therapeutic approaches and settled on small molecules

# From Indoprofen to Therapeutic Candidate

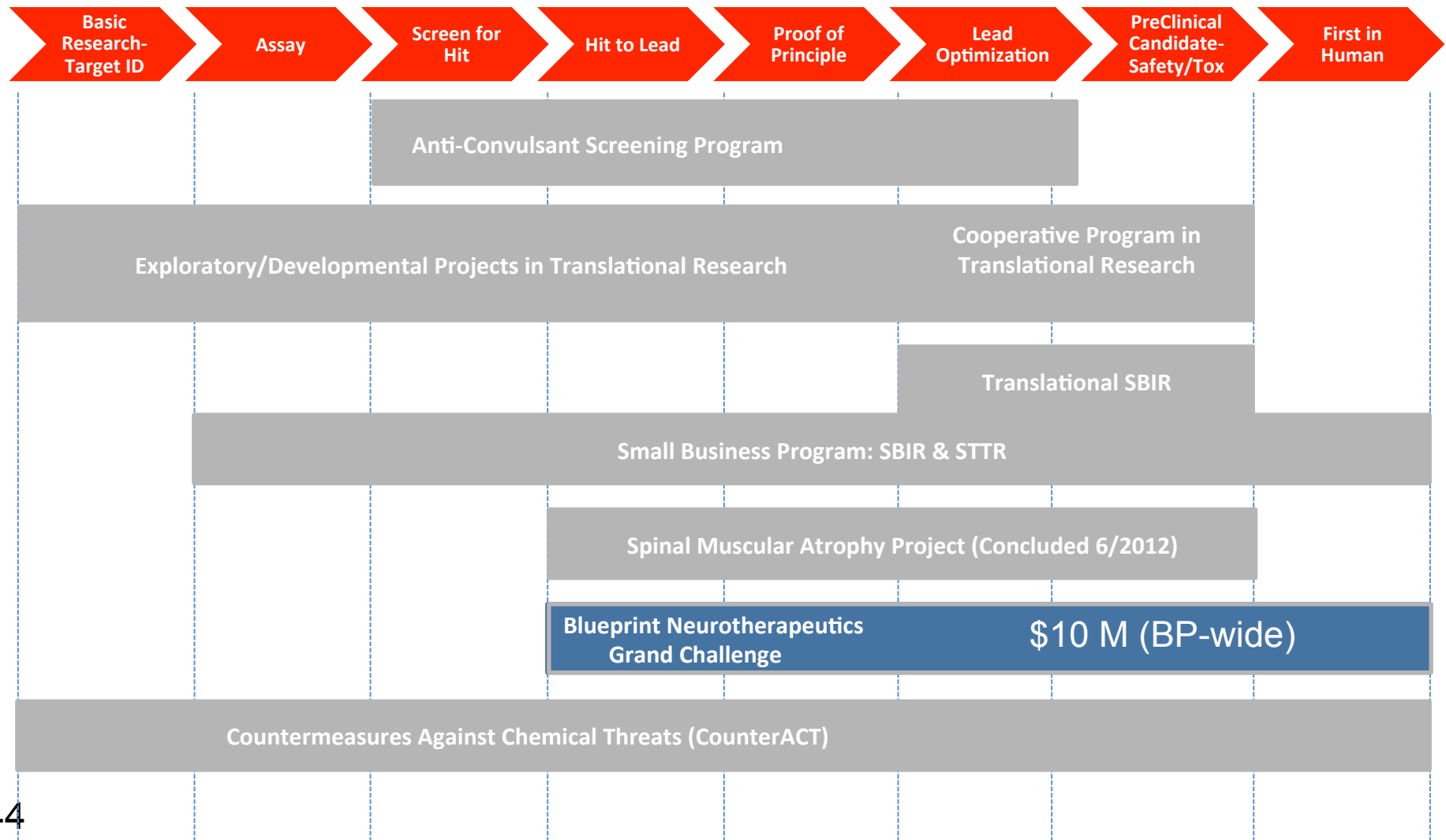
- In 2005, started med. chem. using indoprofen
- By 2011, had late-lead optimization/pre-development candidate
  - Robust activity in SMA patient fibroblasts with  $EC_{50}$  of 10 nM
  - In C/C SMA mice increased SMN protein levels significantly; poor solubility limited exposure and effect in brain, and limited efficacy in Delta7 SMA mouse model

## SMA Project Partnering Activities

Targeted marketing of ALB-111 began July 2012

- Primary Goal: Identify drug development partners
- Secondary Goal: Determine if ALB-111 meets pharma requirements or what additional studies are needed
- Results: Reached out to 23 companies (13 pharma companies, 7 biotech companies, and 3 VC firms); implemented 2 research agreements (formulation and mice studies)
- Status: 8 ongoing discussions (3 pharma, 3 biotech, 2 VCs); new ALB-111 research results expected by March 2013

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# Blueprint Neurotherapeutics Network



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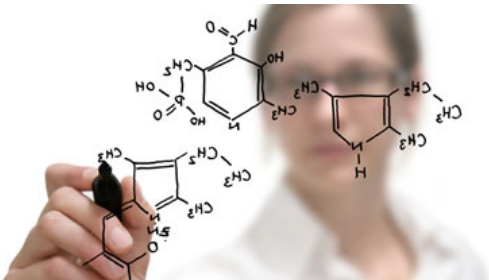


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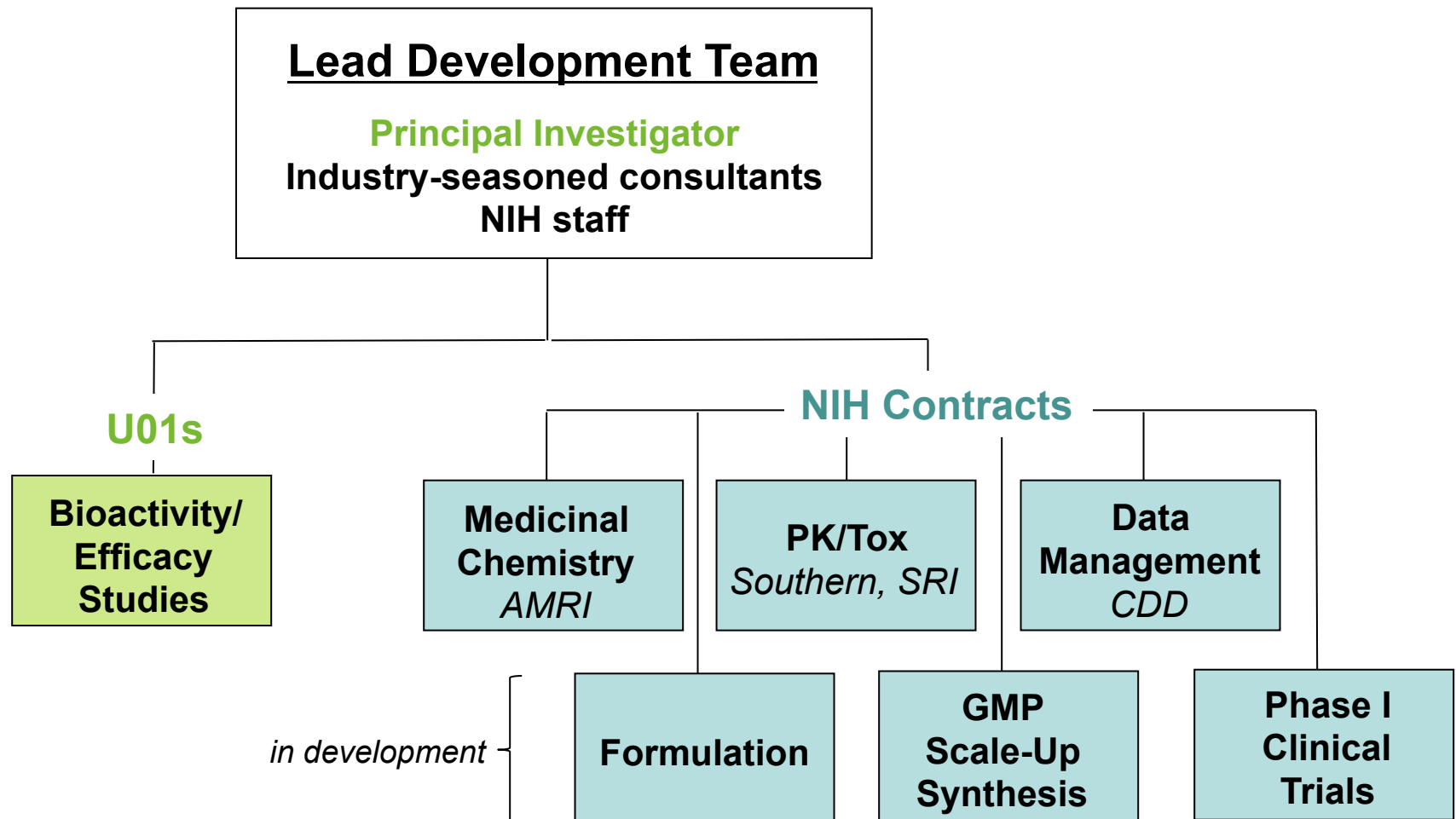
# **The Cooperative Program and SMA Project Informed the Creation of the BPN**

## **Key Features:**

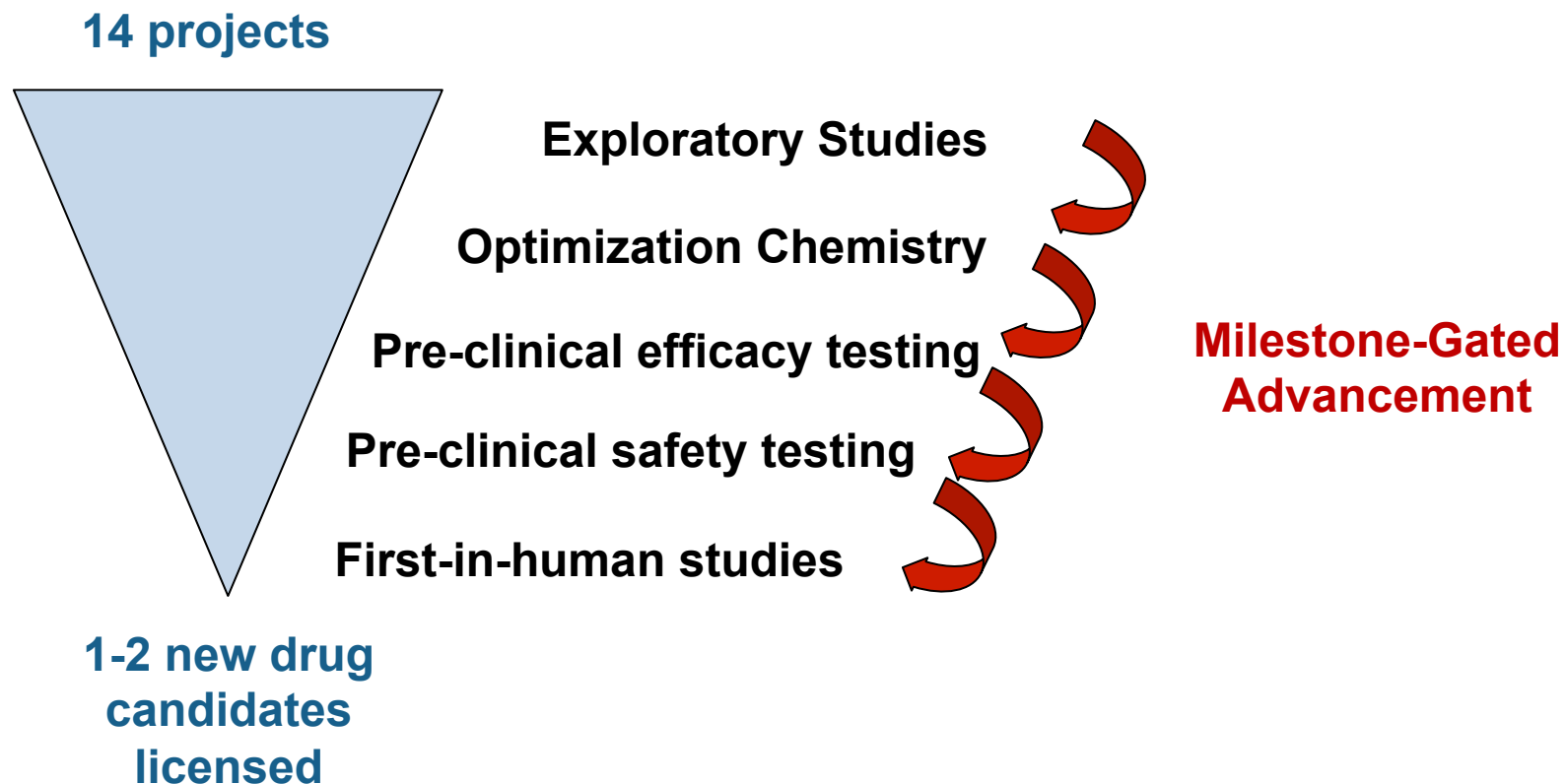
- Drug discovery service contractor network
- Biweekly meetings of the lead development teams
- Milestone-based decision-making process
- Prerequisite of a well-validated assay
- Policies on IP ownership established up front
- An independent steering committee advises on milestones and evaluates progress



# “Virtual Pharma” Model



# Milestones Used to Fund Most Promising Projects



# 11 Projects Initiated (Jan. 2013)

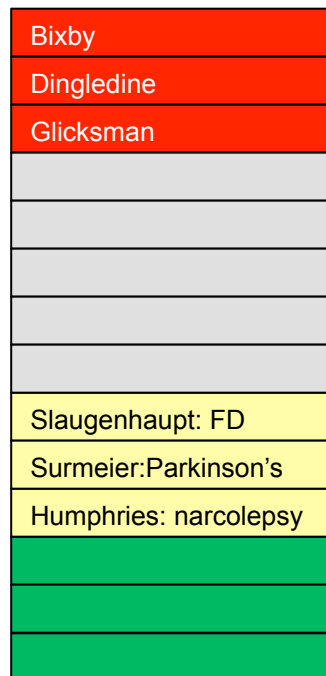
Principal Investigator	Institution	Disorder
Mark Gurney	Tetra Discovery Partners	Mild Cognitive Impairment
Paul Humphries	Reset Therapeutics	Narcolepsy
Michael Lark	Trevena, Inc.	Depression
Konstantin Petrukhin	Columbia University	Macular Degeneration
Edwin Rubel	University of Washington	Hearing Loss
Susan Slaugenhaupt	Mass. General Hospital	Familial Dysautonomia
D. James Surmeier	Northwestern University	Parkinson's
Steven Wagner	UC San Diego	Alzheimer's
John Bixby	University of Miami	Optic Neuropathy
Raymond Dingledine	Emory University	Stroke
Marcie Glicksman	Brigham and Women's Hospital	ALS

**3 projects will launch in mid 2013**

**Discontinued**

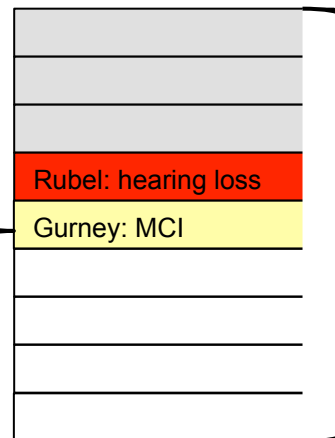
# BPN Portfolio (Jan 2013)

## Exploratory (6 months - 1 year)



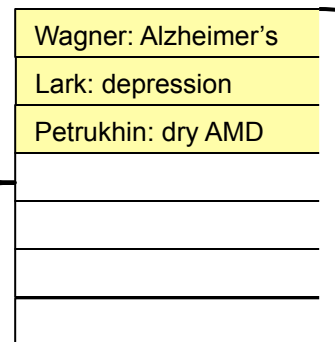
**\$500K/  
project  
x 14  
projects  
= \$7 M**

## Hit-to-Lead (1 year)



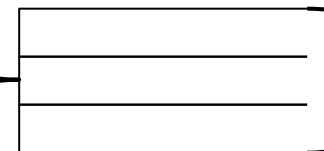
**\$1.8M/  
project  
x 9 projects  
= \$16.2 M**

## Lead Optimization (1 year)



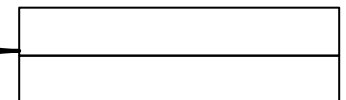
**\$2M/project  
x 7 projects  
= \$14 M**

## Candidate Selection, IND- Enabling (1.5 years)

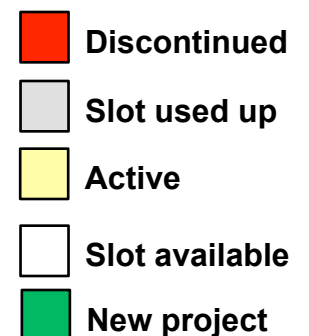


**\$3 M/project  
x 3 projects  
= \$9 M**

## First in Human (1 year)

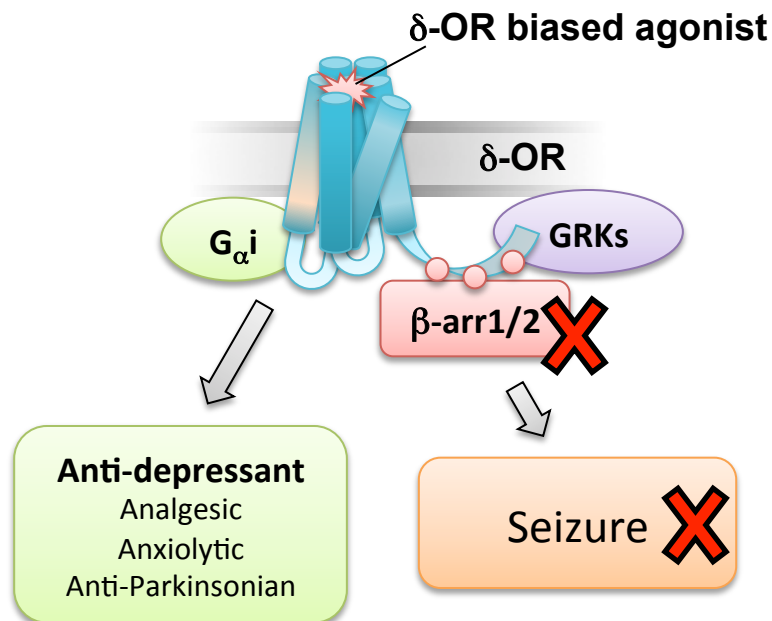


**\$1.5 M/project  
x 2 projects  
= \$3 M**



# A Novel Delta Opioid Receptor Biased Agonist for Major Depressive Disorder

Michael Lark, PhD, Trevena



## CENTRAL HYPOTHESIS

$\delta$ -OR agonists that activate the G-protein pathway but not the  $\beta$ -arrestin pathway will deliver anti-depressant effects without seizures

## INITIAL CHEMISTRY FOCUS

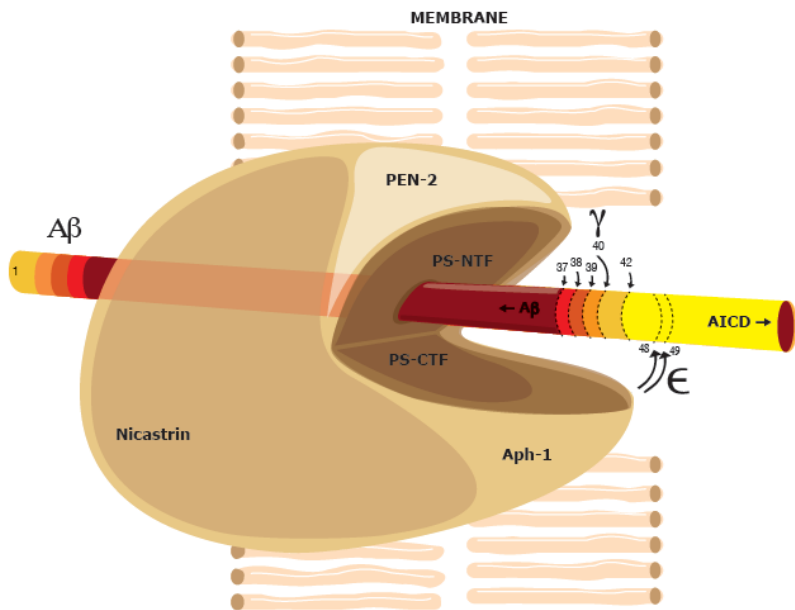
- Potency (while maintaining bias)
- Rodent bioavailability
- Selectivity against mu and kappa ORs

Jamie Driscoll, Science Officer (NIMH)  
Chuck Cywin, PhD, Project Manager (NINDS)



# Optimization of Soluble Gamma-Secretase Modulators for Alzheimer's Disease

Steven Wagner, PhD, University of California, San Diego



## CENTRAL HYPOTHESIS

Modulators (GSMs) will prevent the production of toxicity-associated Aβ-42 and will lack the negative side-effects observed for inhibitors (GSIs)

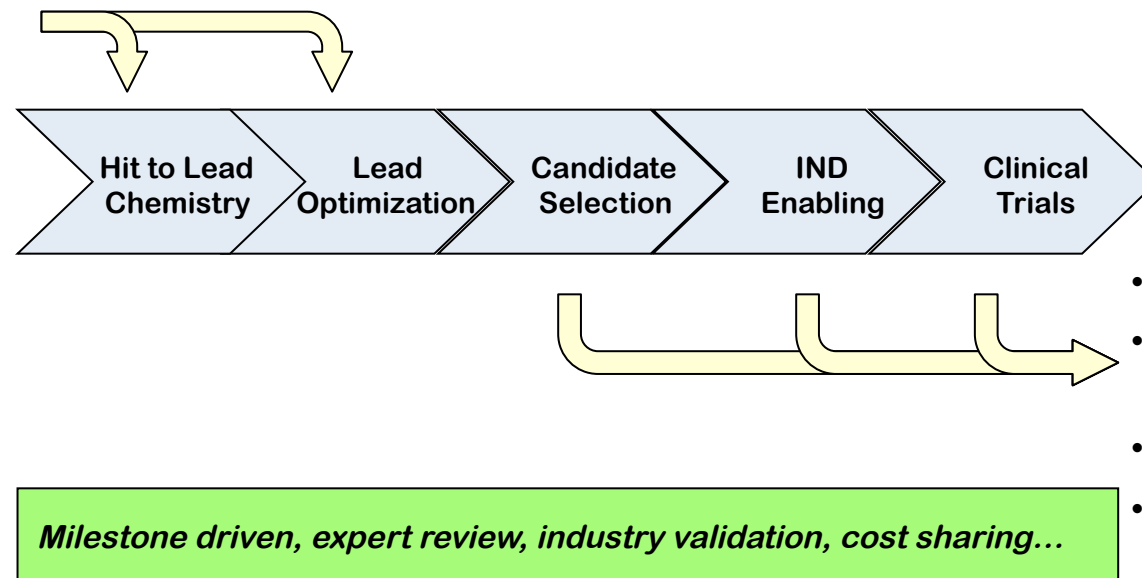
## INITIAL CHEMISTRY FOCUS

- Low solubility
- Reactive metabolites

Larry Refolo, PhD, Science Officer (NIA)  
Chuck Cywin, PhD, Project Manager (NINDS)

# Goal: Advance Projects for Hand-Off

- Strong biological validation
- Compounds amenable to med. chem.
- Robust assays for optimization

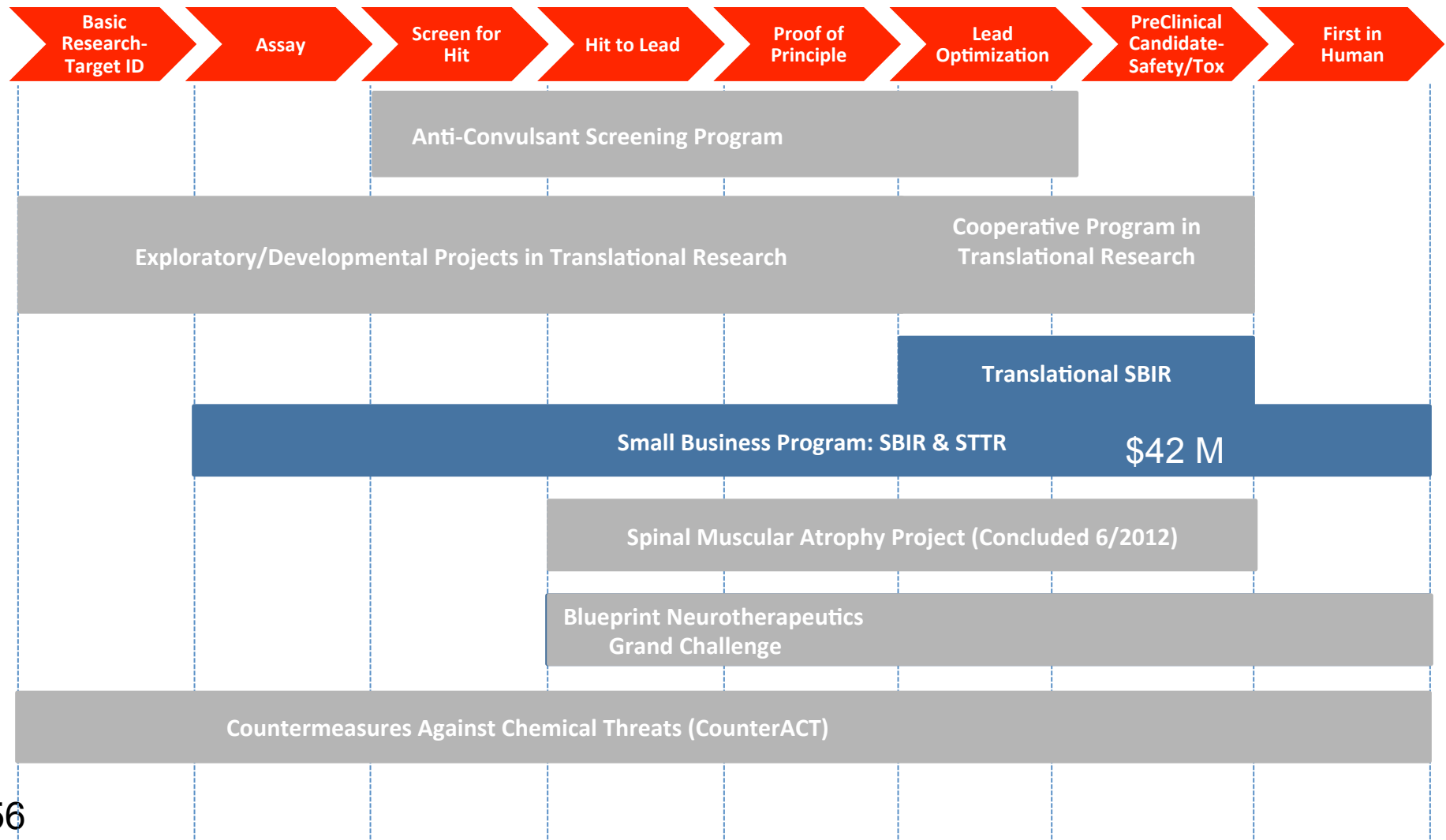


**Risk decreases as projects successfully advance**

## BPN: Lessons Learned

- Academics and small companies have different needs, capabilities, and expectations
- Need to think ahead to determine elements of an attractive licensing package and needs for clinical proof-of-concept
  - Molecular markers of drug activity
  - Knowledge of the drug target
  - Intellectual property
- Portfolio perspective influences funding decisions

# OTR uses a Variety of Approaches for Translation



# NINDS Small Business Programs



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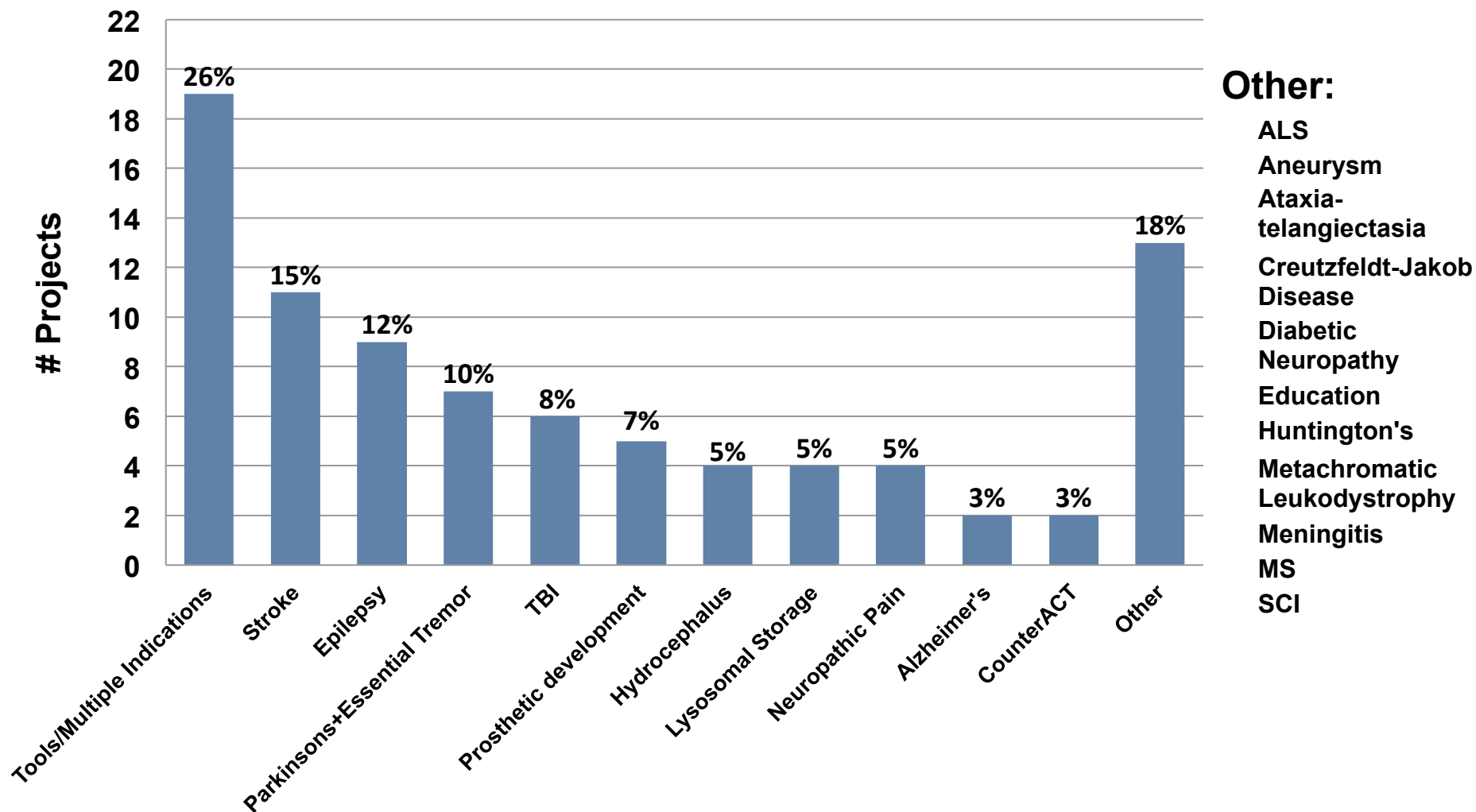
## Small Business Program Overview

- Congressionally mandated set-aside programs
- R&D with potential for commercialization
- ~\$42M in FY2012 (2.95% of the extramural budget)
- Broad scope
  - Neurotherapeutics, diagnostics, and tools for neuroscience research
  - Bench research, translational research, and early stage clinical trials

## Re-Authorization: More Money, Smaller Chunks

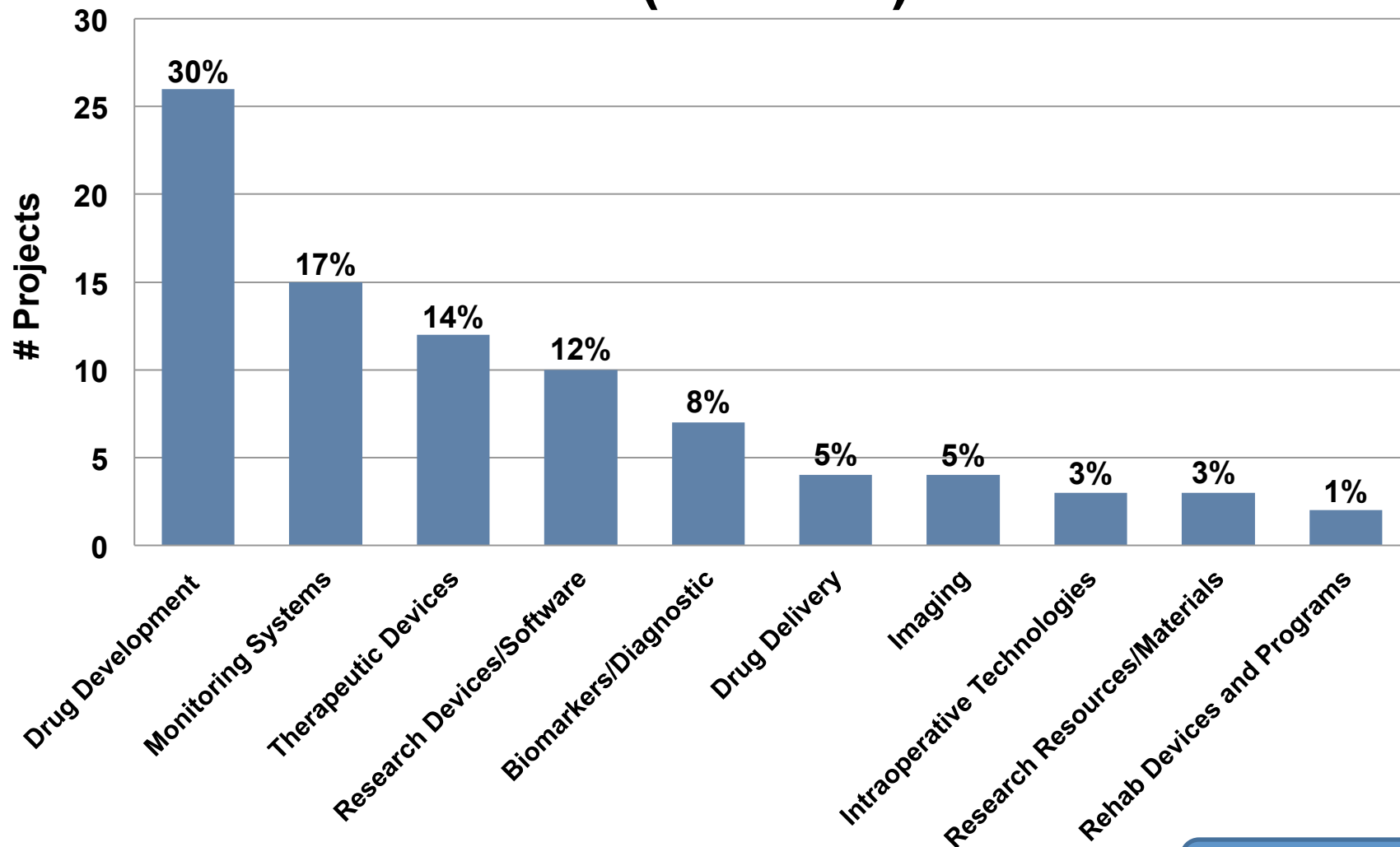
Key Provision	Prior Implementation	Re-Authorization
Size of Award (Total Cost)	Phase I: \$100-150K, Phase II: \$750K- 1M	Phase I: \$150K Phase II: \$1M
Limits on Award Size	Soft cap	Hard cap
Set-Aside	2.95% (FY2012)	Gradually increase to 3.65% by 2017

## Small Businesses by Indication (FY2012)



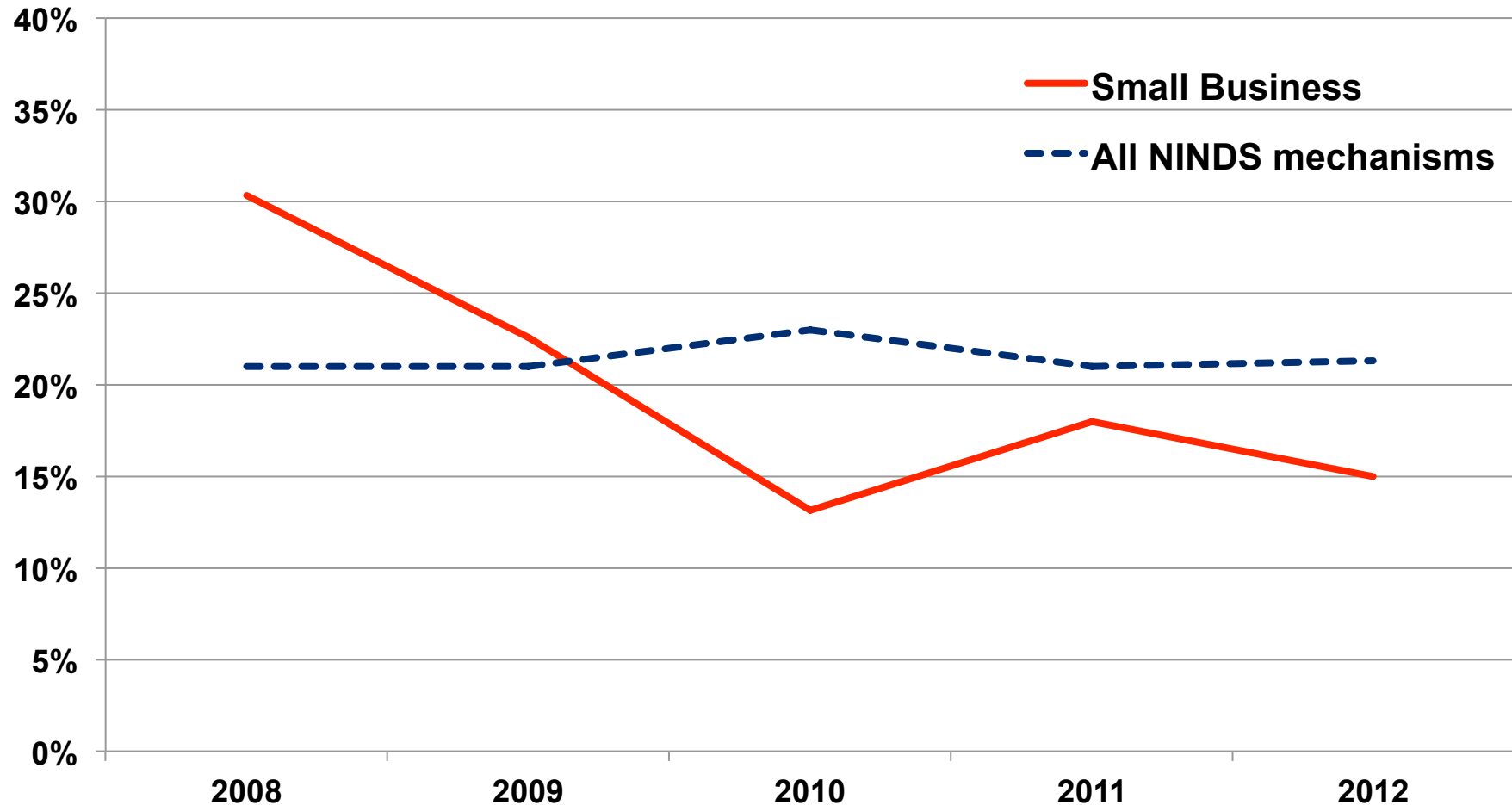


# Small Businesses by Interventional Modality (FY2012)



Devices: 49%

# Small Business Success is Comparable to Overall Rate

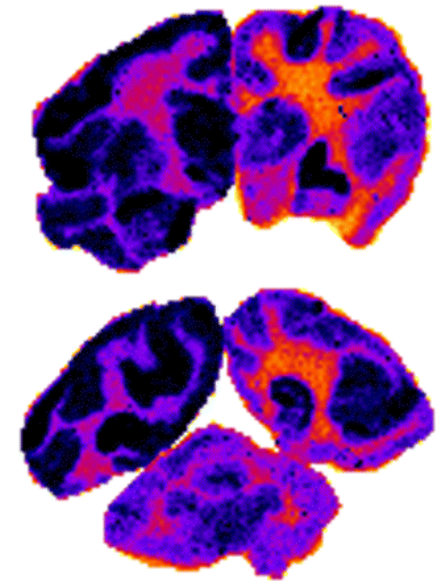


# New Small Businesses Continue to Seek Funding

- NINDS supported 68 companies (1.2 grants per company)
- Of the new awards (2012):
  - 65% from companies new to NINDS
  - 22% from companies new to NIH

# Drug Development Success: ArmaGen

- The idea: fuse a therapeutic protein with an antibody that can cross the BBB
- Targeted Neurotrophin Drug Development in Parkinson's Disease
- Bioengineering of a New Decoy Receptor Drug Delivery Technology
- Nov 30, 2012: \$17M series A financing to support the development of the “molecular Trojan horse technology.”



Film autoradiography of rhesus monkey brain removed 2 h after an intravenous administration of  $^{125}\text{I}$ -HIR MAb-GDNF fusion protein. Coronal sections through the cerebrum (top) and hindbrain/cerebellum (bottom) are shown. Intensity increases from red-yellow to blue-violet. [Drug Metab Dispos.](#) 2009 Dec;37(12):2299-304. Epub 2009 Sep 9.

## Device Success Story: FHC, Inc.

- Founded in 1970
- National Tibbetts Award 2012
- Software Guided Localization of the Subthalamic Nucleus During DBS Surgeries
- Instrument for Intracerebral Microinjections and Electrophysiology
- SBIR supported evolution from research base to device development
- Has products on the market, used by physicians and researchers
  - Array electrodes
  - Microtargeting electrode (market-leader world wide)
  - Microrecording and stimulating
  - Temperature controllers

## FHC Products to Watch for in the video:



Microtargeting Drive  
(positions the electrode)



DBS Platform  
(patient-specific frame)

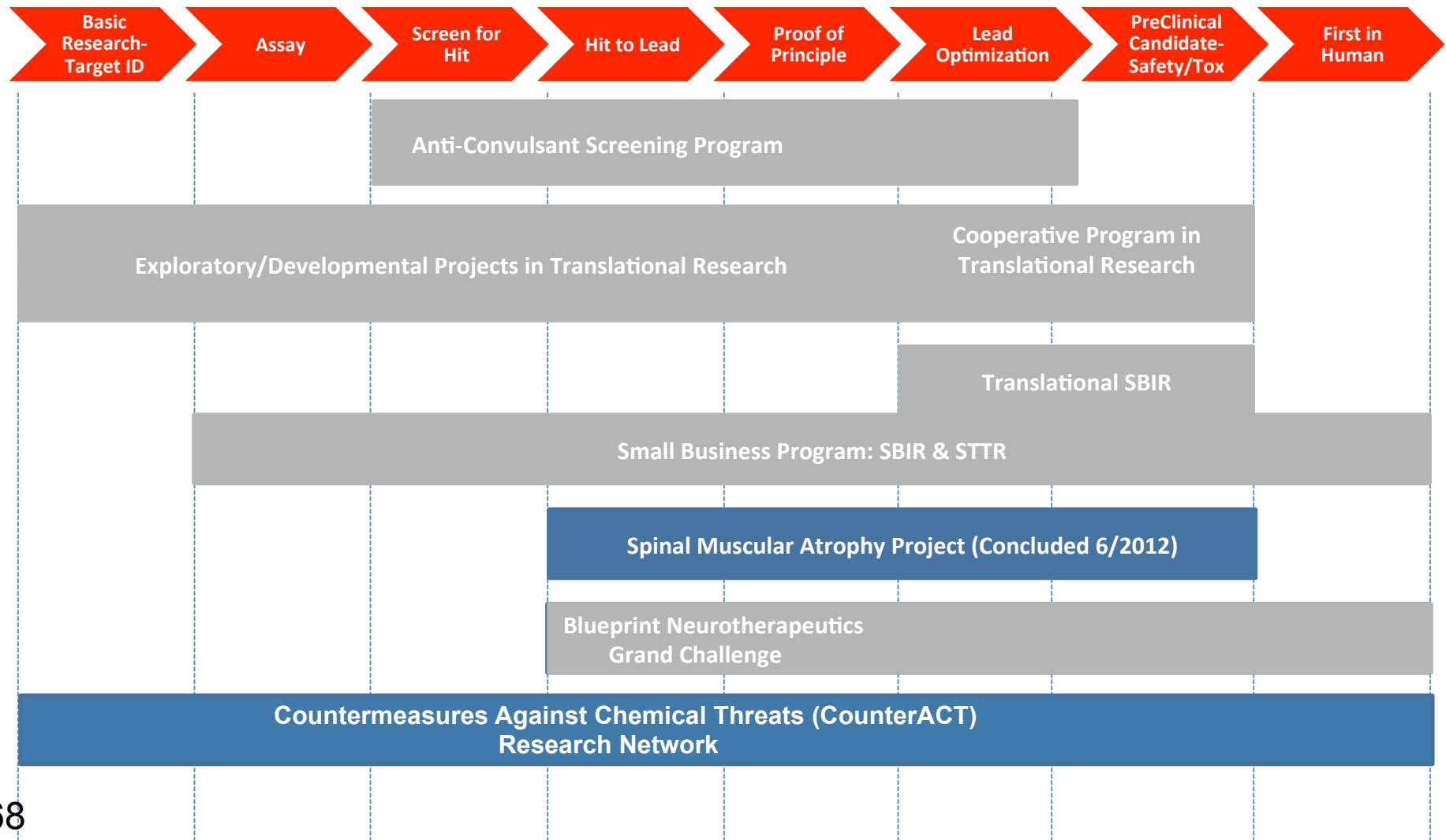
Software



DBS Electrode

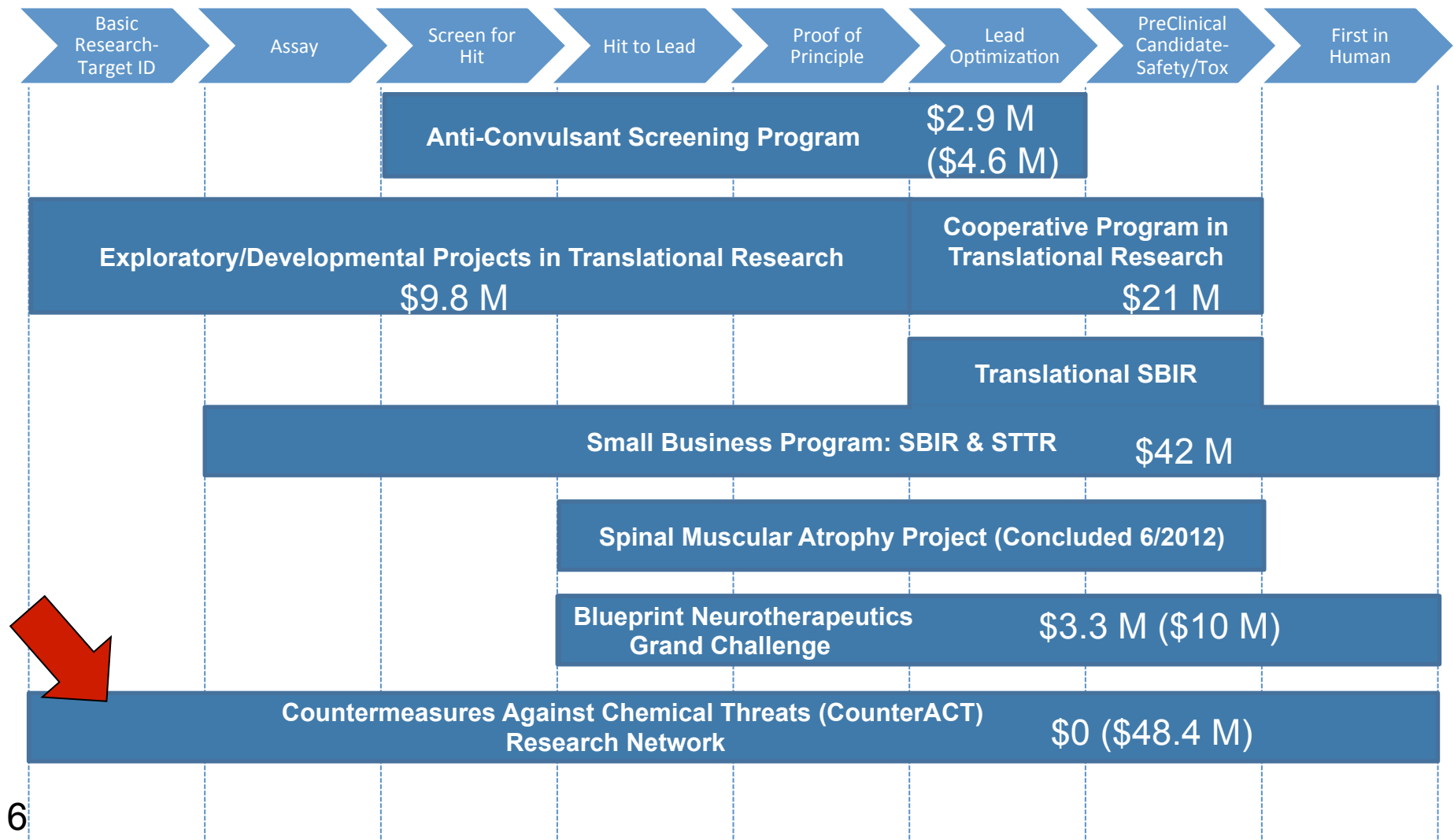


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# A Variety of Approaches to Translation



# **NIH CounterACT**

## **Countermeasures Against Chemical Threats**

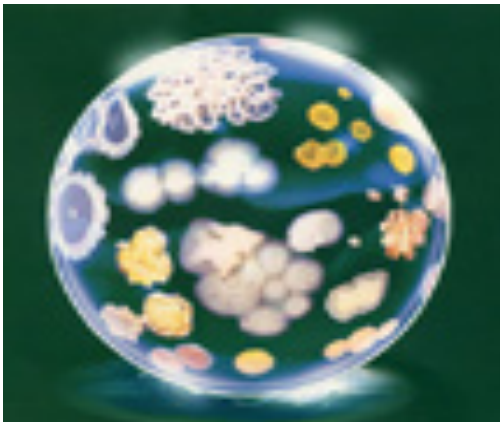
### ***Mission:***

**To develop FDA-approved therapeutics and diagnostic technologies that will reduce mortality and morbidity during and after chemical emergency events.**

# Biodefense Programs at NIH

## NIAID Oversight

### NIAID Management



#### Biological

- Category A, B, C
- Bacterial, e.g. anthrax
- Viral, e.g. small pox
- Toxins, e.g. botulinum

**(FY12 \$1, 700 M)**



#### Radiation/Nuclear

- Bomb detonation
- Radiation Dispersal
- Attack on n. reactor
- Or on spent fuels

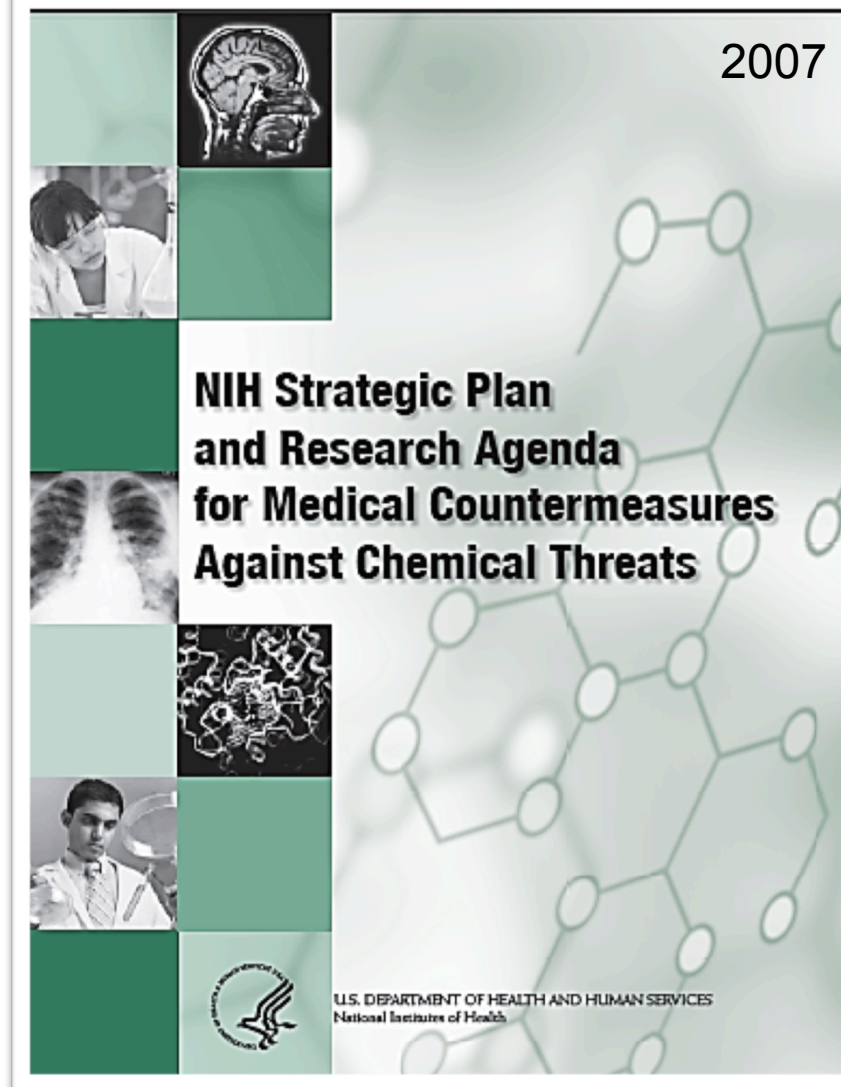
**(FY12 \$47 M)**



#### Chemical

- Industrial, cyanide
- WMDs, e.g. sarin
- Pesticides, e.g. parathion
- Toxins, e.g. picrotoxin

**(FY12 \$48 M)**



“Treatments must be appropriate for a diverse civilian population”

“Treatments must be formulated so they can be administered easily and rapidly in a situation involving mass casualties”

“Immediate as well as long-term effects of exposure to chemicals must be understood”

# Burden of Illness



## Chemical Warfare

- World War I and II: *thousands of fatalities*
- Iran-Iraq War (1980-88): *thousands of fatalities*
- Current conflicts in the Middle East: *unknown*



## Terrorism/Non-military malicious use

- Tokyo Subway Attacks (1995): *thousands affected; 13 fatalities*
- Jonestown mass suicide (1978): *900 fatalities*
- Tylenol and Excedrin poisonings (1980's): *few fatalities*



## Industrial Accidents

- Occur Daily; *thousands* of injuries and fatalities annually
- Bhopal Union Carbide disaster (1984): *5,000 fatalities*



## General Poisonings

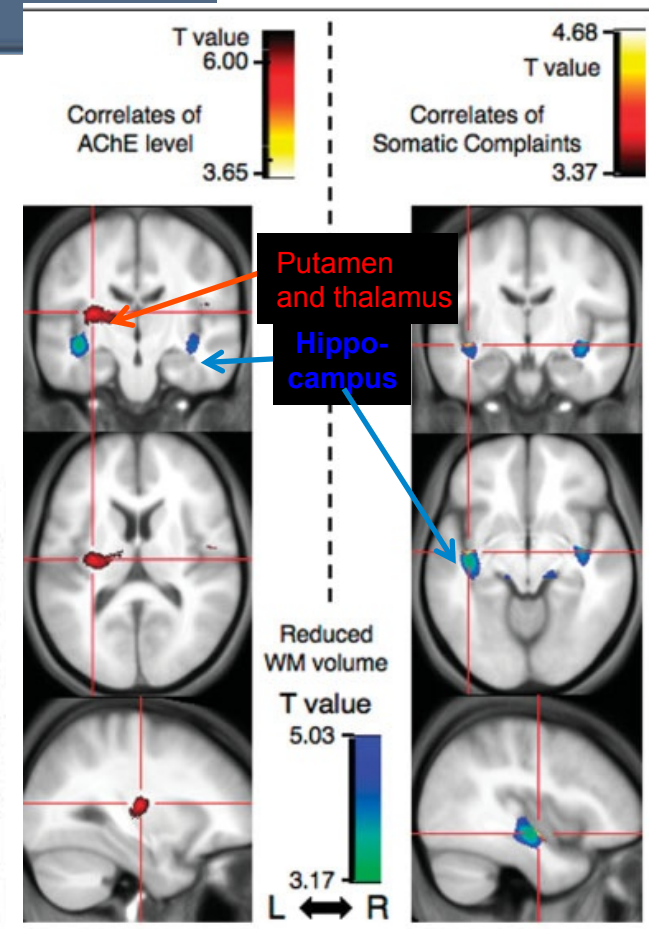
- *4.2 million* calls to Poison Control Centers in 2009 alone



>1,000 victims, 12  
deaths

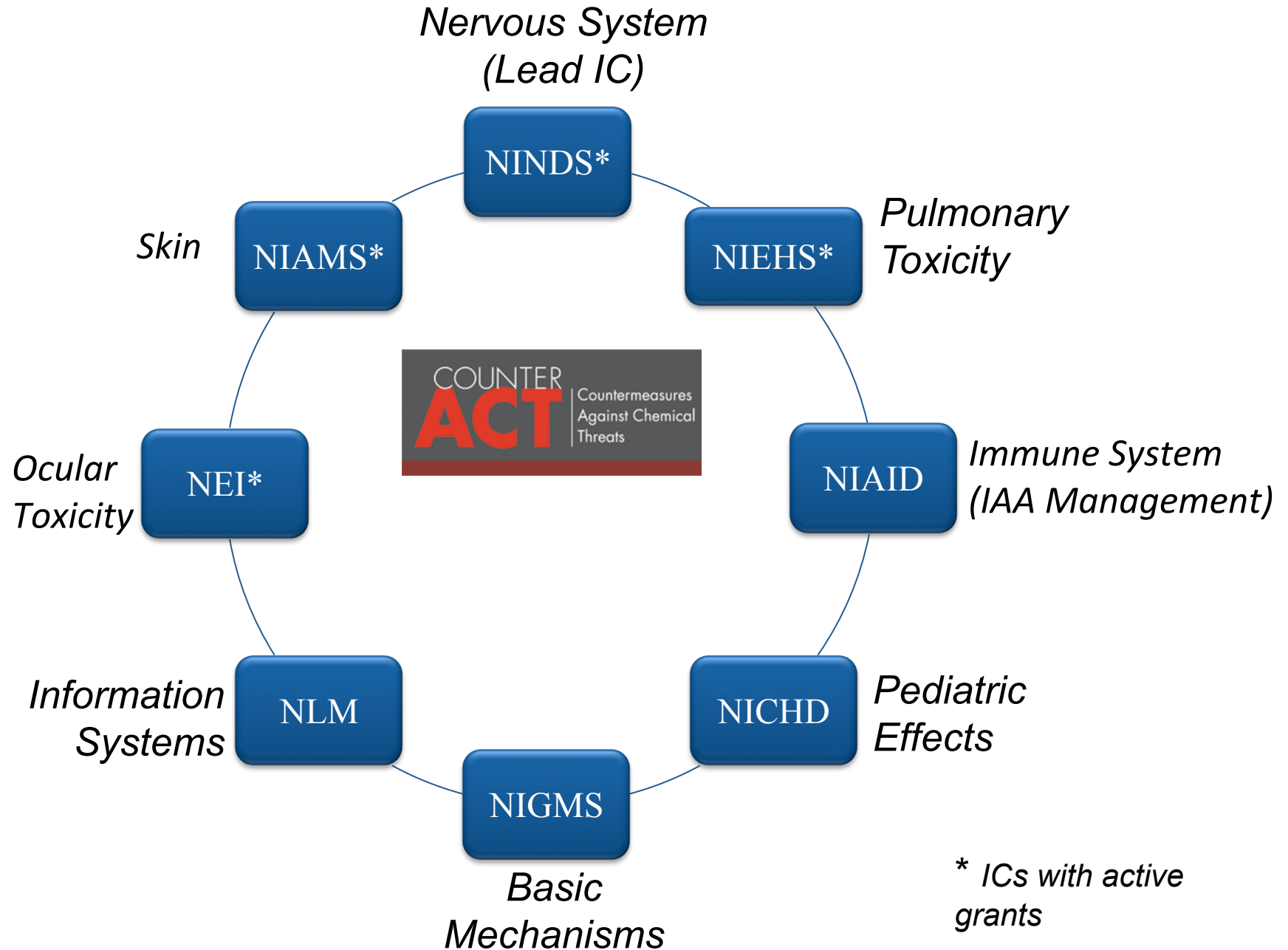
## Human Brain Structural Change Related to Acute Single Exposure to Sarin

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“...smaller than normal regional brain volumes in the insular cortex and neighboring white matter, as well as in the hippocampus in the victims. The reduced regional white matter volume correlated with decreased serum cholinesterase levels and with the severity of chronic somatic complaints related to interoceptive awareness [anxiety].” ( $p < 0.05$ ) Annals of Neurology

# *Program Structure and Management*

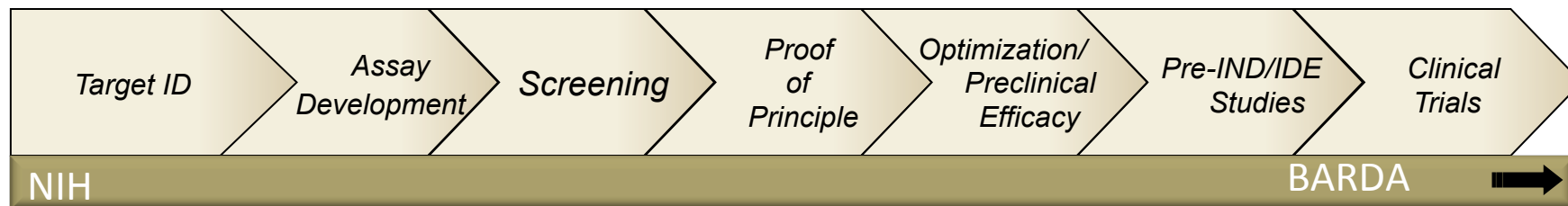




## Basic

## Translational

## Clinical



Centers of Excellence (U54) and Individual Projects (U01)

DoD Laboratories (IAAs)

Efficacy Research  
Facility

Medicinal Chemistry (proposed)

Preclinical  
Contract  
Facility

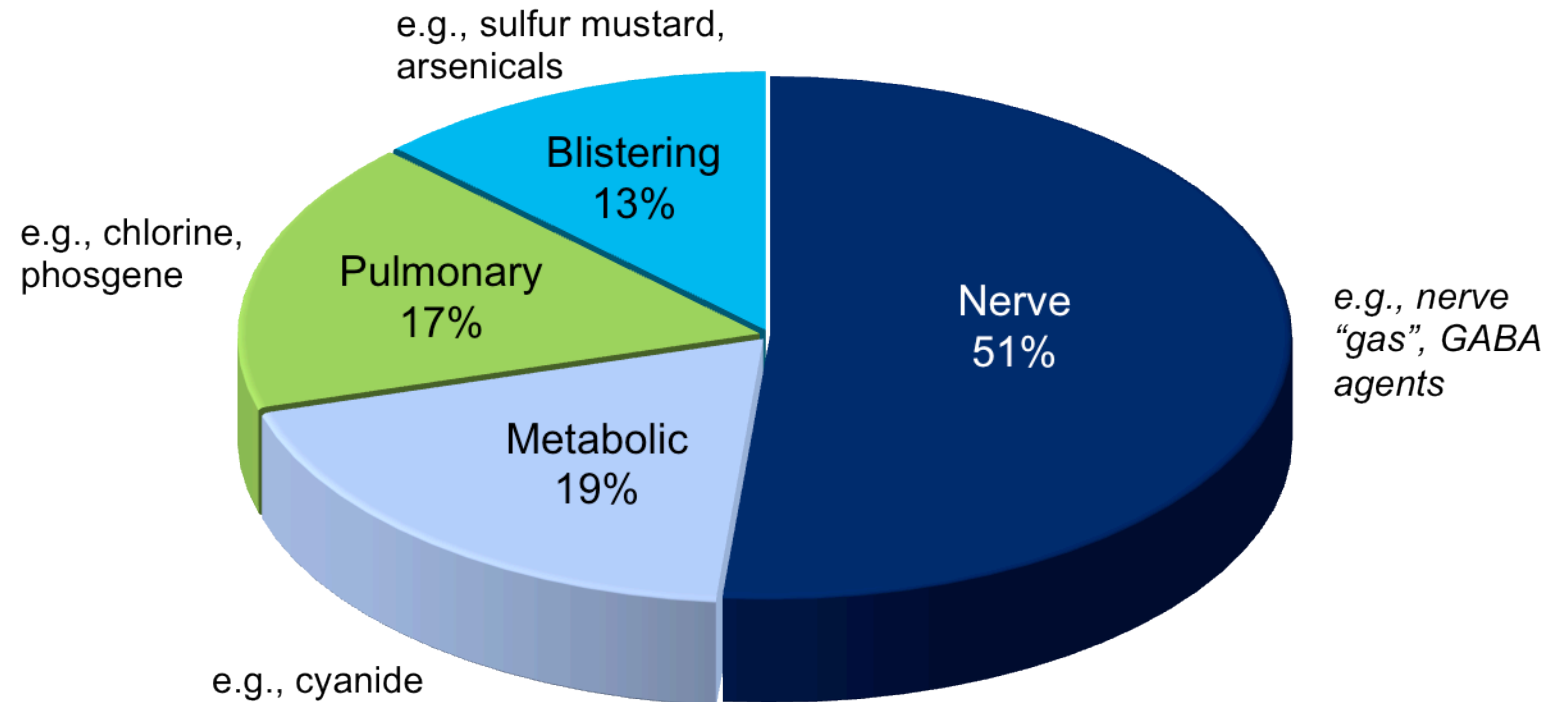
Clinical Trial  
Networks

Industry Partners (SBIRs, Subcontracts to Grants)

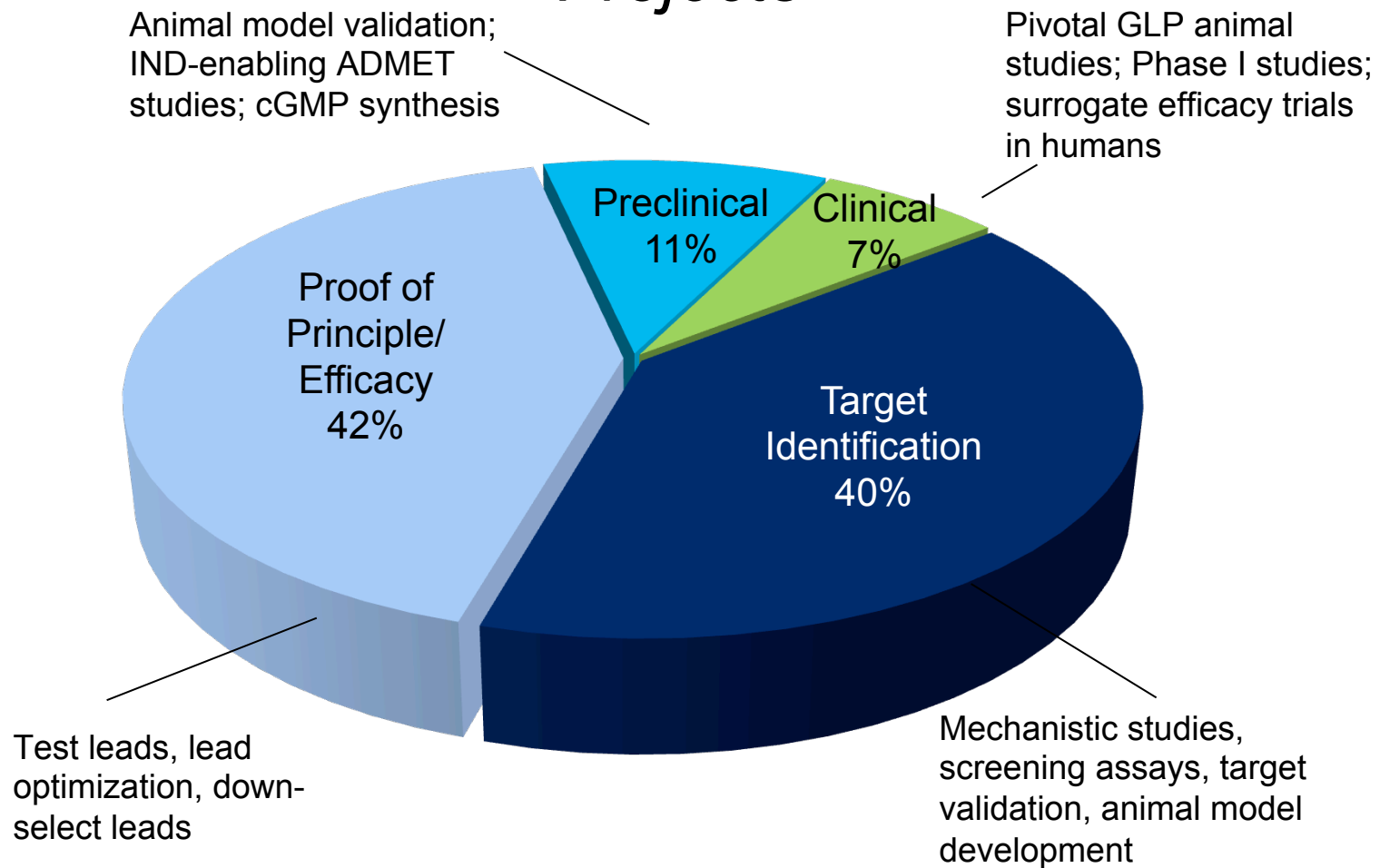
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# *The CounterACT Portfolio*

## *Chemical Classes*

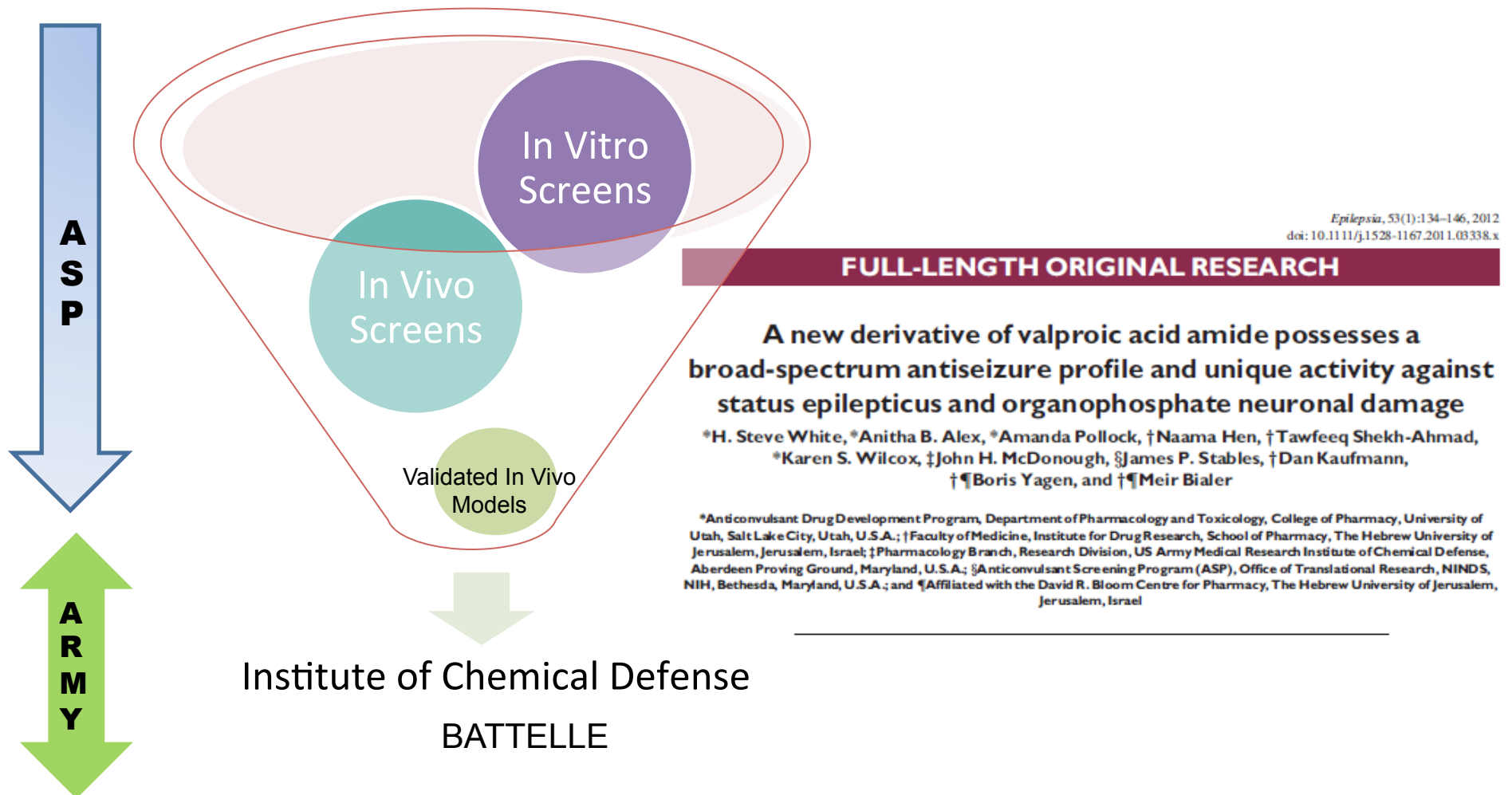


## *Development Stage of Projects*

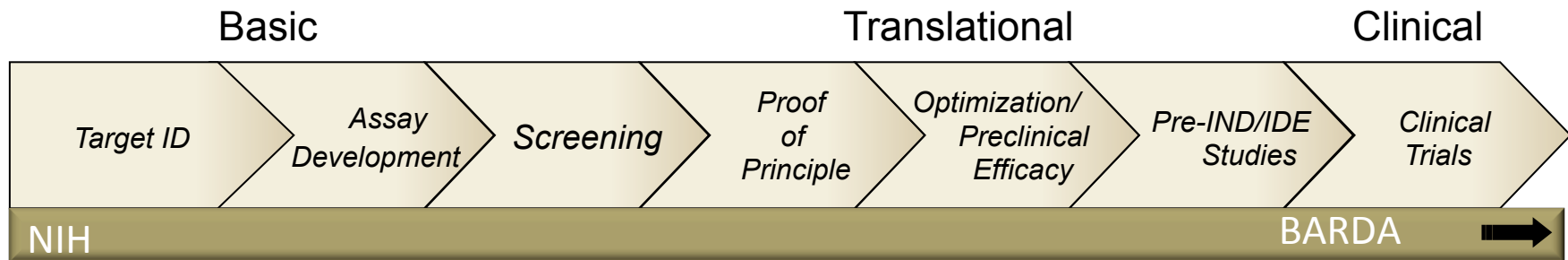


# *Key Partnerships*

# CounterACT and ASP Partnership



# Products in the Pipeline



Over 30+  
“hits” and/or  
targets  
identified

Neuregulin  
Brovana\*  
Rolipram  
Sulfanegen  
Galantamine\*  
LY293558

AEOL 10150 (M)  
Doxycycline\*

Cobinamide (M)

Midazolam\*

Drug indication:

Black = Vesicants

Red = Nerve Agents

Blue = Pulmonary Agents

Green = Cyanide

(M) = multiple indications

\* Denotes FDA-approved  
compound for another indication

# RAMPART: A Partnering Success Story: NIH, DHHS, DoD, Pfizer, U. Michigan

## The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

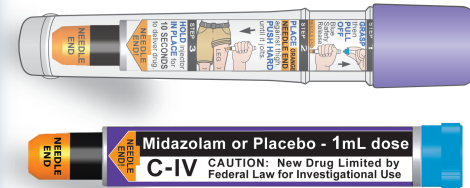
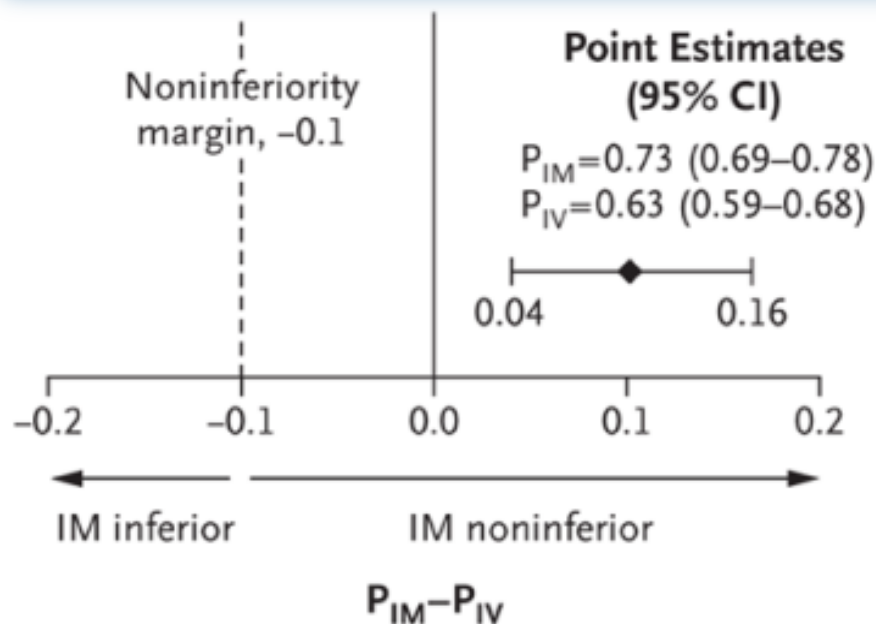
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### Intramuscular versus Intravenous Therapy for Prehospital Status Epilepticus

Robert Silbergleit, M.D., Valerie Durkalski, Ph.D., Daniel Lowenstein, M.D., Robin Conwit, M.D.,  
Arthur Pancioli, M.D., Yuko Palesch, Ph.D., and William Barsan, M.D., for the NETT Investigators\*



**Hypothesis:** IM midazolam is as effective as IV lorazepam at stopping convulsions prior to ED arrival.

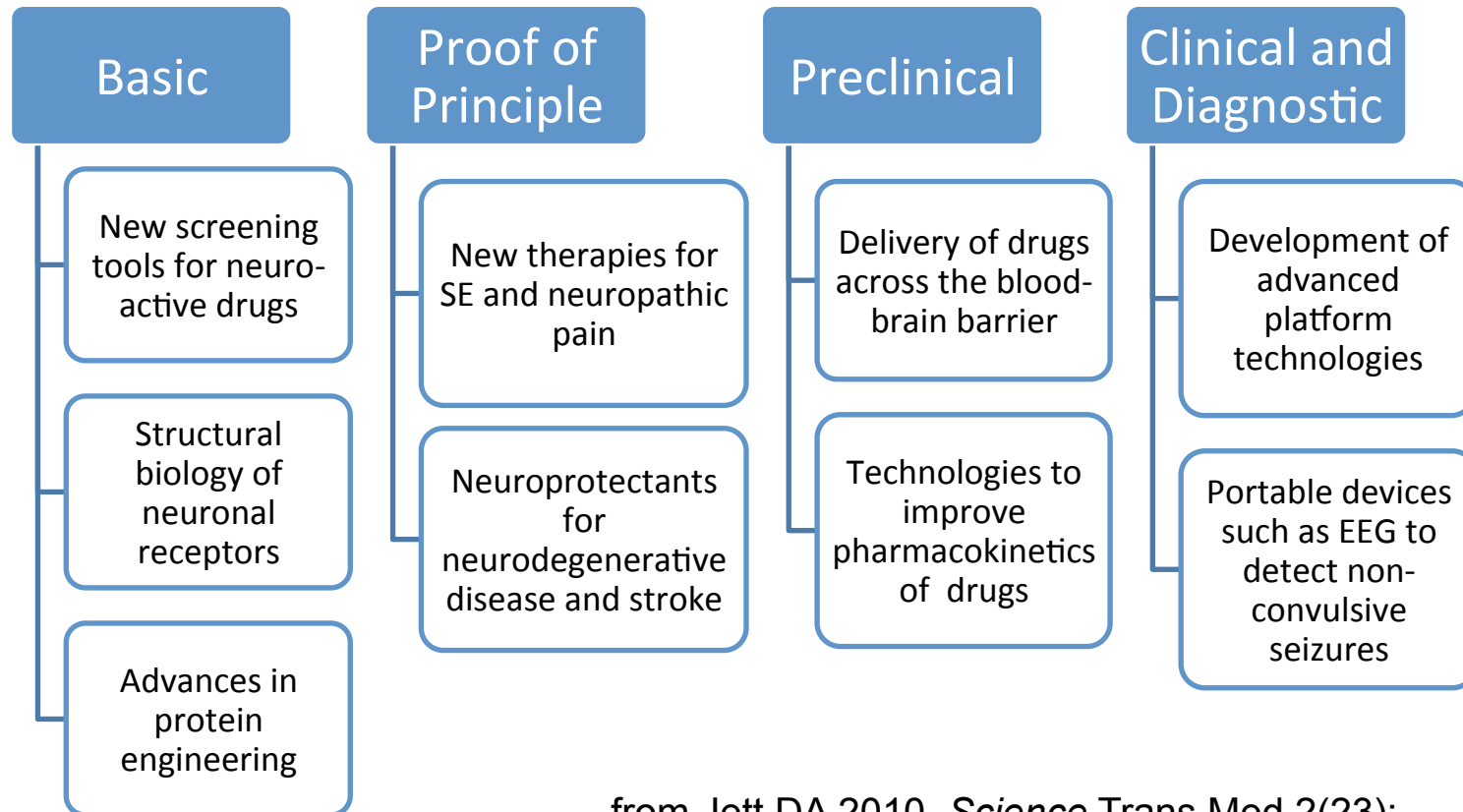
**Method:** Double blinded, Double Dummy; 4,314 paramedics, 79 hospitals. 1,023 enrolled.

**Conclusion:** Intramuscular midazolam is the optimal initial prehospital treatment for status epilepticus by paramedics

*Accompanying editorial:* "...the findings in this study should lead to a systematic change in the way patients in status epilepticus are treated en route to the hospital." –Lawrence Hirsch

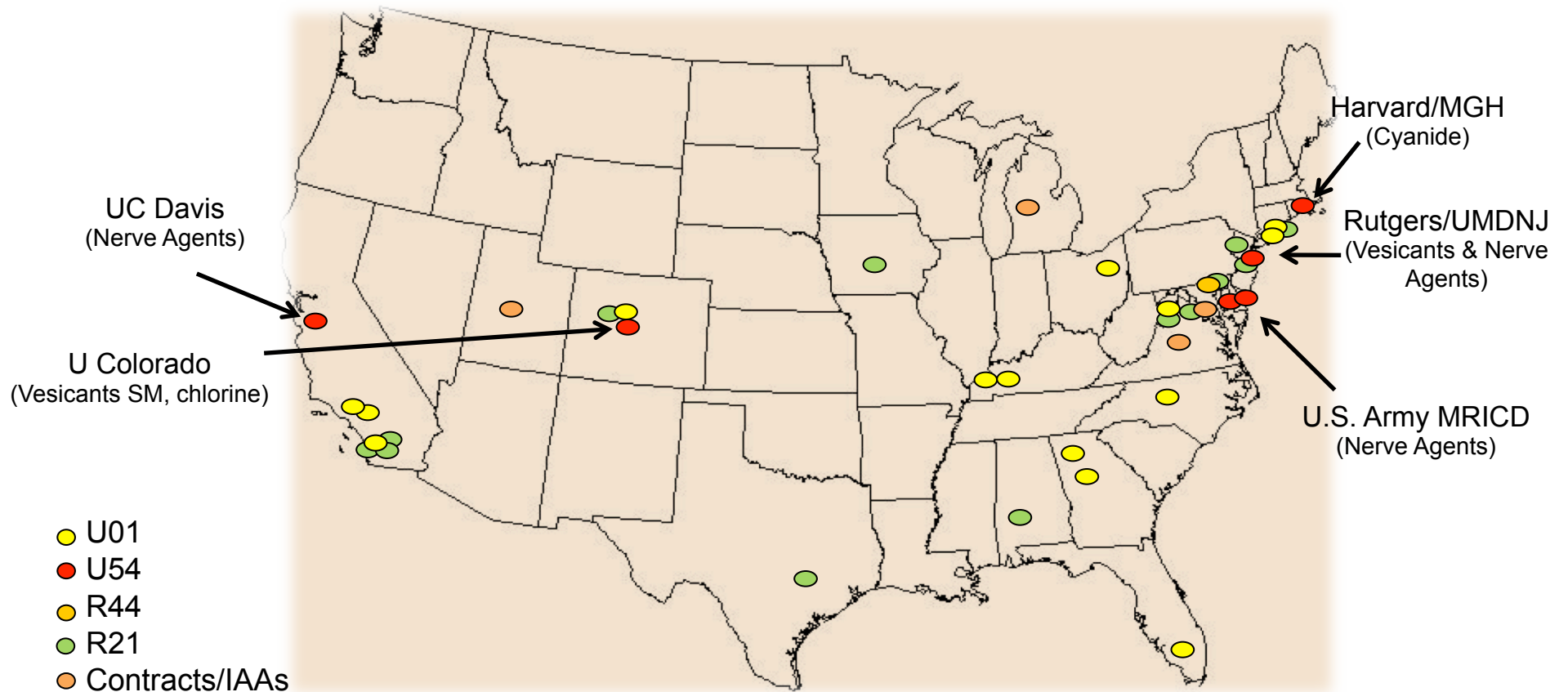


## *And CounterACT research can have broad implications*

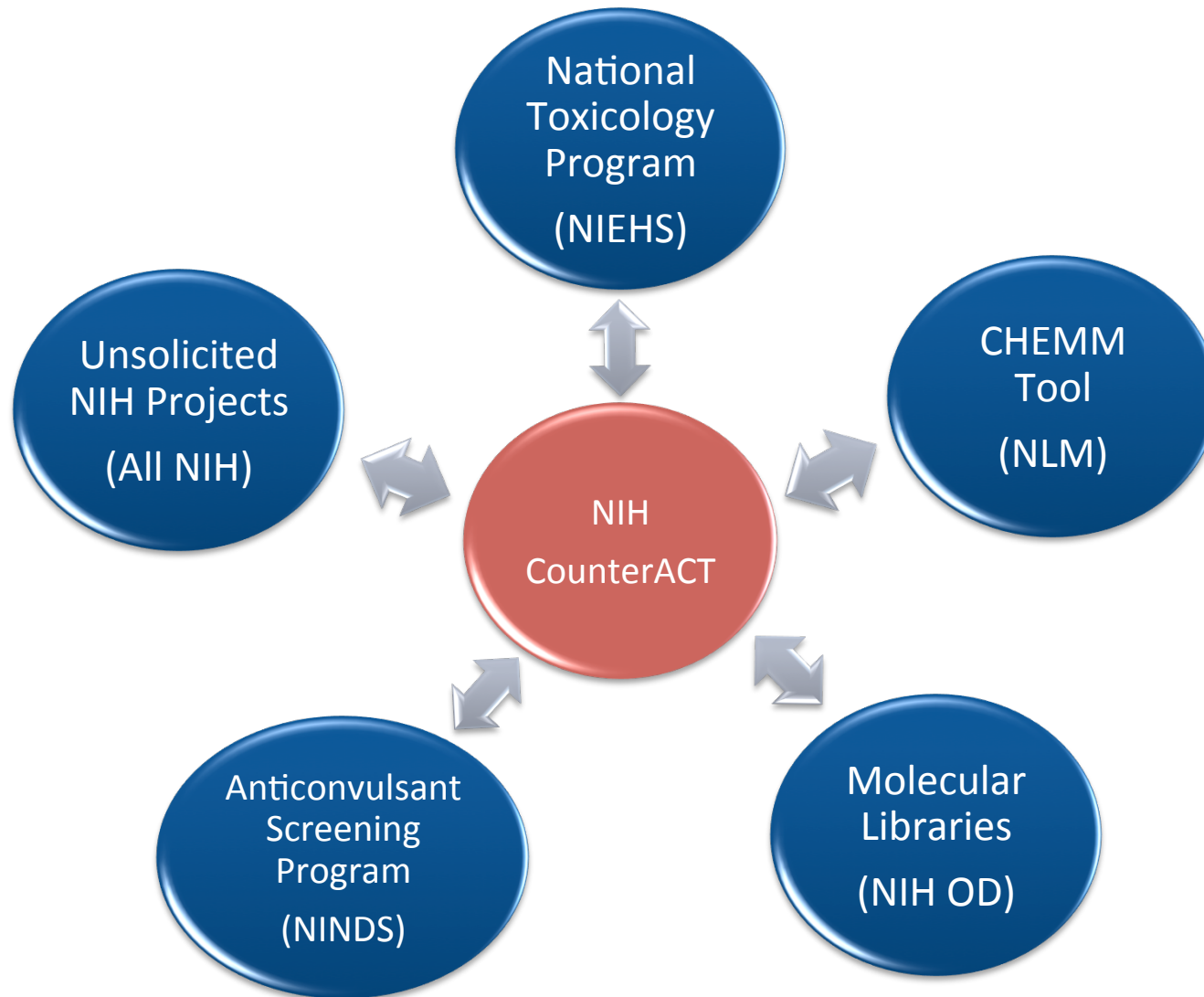


from Jett DA 2010. *Science Trans Med* 2(23): 23ps12

# Research Network



## *Other Partnerships*



# OTR Guiding Principles

- Need to get therapeutics to humans (not bench to bookshelf)
  - Cooperative program now allows for Phase 0
- Needs to be done in collaboration with others
  - BPN utilizes resources across ICs and relies on outside experts
  - CounterACT works with multiple agencies
- Have to adapt efforts to ever-changing landscape
  - SBIR/STTR is providing “seed money” where investors won’t and is shortening the time to award
  - We are engaging in outlicensing efforts (SMA)

# Questions?

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